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## COMMERCIALISM IN GENEALOGY

A Note by the Editor-in-Chief

The modern commercial spirit has invaded almost every sphere of human activity. Many publishing houses of late years have specialized in "vanity publications." Aspiring poets receive invitations to submit their verses for inclusion in this or that anthology; and then learn that a poem of a few lines will be accepted for inclusion if they will send a check for a few copies of the anthology at so much per copy. And what man who has achieved even a local prominence has failed to receive suave invitations to send the record of his family for inclusion in this or that compendium?

Reputable genealogists of the older generation took a pride in their professional standing; they held it beneath their dignity to solicit work, and some did not even advertise. Very few still maintain so extreme a position. Times change; and with so many commercial firms entering the genealogical field, professional genealogists are more and more driven to the adoption of commercial methods to meet the type of competition which now exists. We should hesitate to criticize a professional genealogist for employing commercial methods. The real criterion of the standing of a genealogist is the quality of his work. The scientist who obtains money for carrying on his experiments, and the anthropologist or archaeologist who obtains money for research expeditions to far countries, are judged by the quality of their work, not by the methods adopted to raise the money to carry on their researches. The genealogist need not be judged by standards more severe.

Commercial standards are not favored by many genealogists because they do not wish to be classed with those commercial

houses which have entered the genealogical field. The important thing is the difference in methods of research. A competent genealogist, if the solution of a problem is not found in print, or if he has cause to doubt the authenticity of printed data, is equipped to conduct an investigation in the contemporary records, which in the last analysis are the only certain and positive sources of genealogical knowledge. The records which a man left of himself,—his will, his deeds, and the entries relating to his family which were made contemporaneously in the vital registers of his town and church,—these are primary sources, usually authentic beyond dispute. On the other hand, so many family histories and compendiums have been compiled without adequate research in the original archives, or by those who lacked the experience to classify and interpret original data correctly, that genealogists find it desirable in from 80 to 90 per cent of the problems they are called upon to solve, to seek the guidance of the original records. Some genealogists would place the percentage even higher.

The methods of the commercial houses are necessarily different. Plans are made to bring out some sort of genealogical compendium, or a genealogical record of a county or state. The publisher invites a large number of people to be represented in his forthcoming book, and solicits their records for publication. Either a flat charge is made for inclusion, or the "prospect" is expected to subscribe to copies of the book.

The publication of such volumes is a business matter, pure and simple. A very little reflection will show that commercial houses cannot as a rule afford to undertake genuine research or to check and verify the records sent to them. In the first place, the income of the publishing house is derived entirely from sales of its books and the charge (if any) that is made for inclusion in them. Out of this it has to pay actual printing costs, salaries of its clerical staff, a proper proportion of its overhead and advertising, and still have a balance left for its regular commercial profit. The advertising expense is considerable if printed matter is mailed to "prospects"; it is even higher if a "customer's man" on commission calls personally on "prospects."

When all this expense has been deducted, it is quite evident that genuine research in primary sources can rarely be undertaken by a commercial genealogical publishing house. In fact, few such houses employ genealogists at all. Where there is an editorial staff, its duties too often are confined to the clerical labor of arranging the data supplied by "prospects" or at most to checking it by the use of printed sources which may or may not be reliable. It need scarcely be added that few publications



have been issued by commercial houses which have first-rate standing as dependable reference works.

The publications of the commercial houses do indeed perform a useful function, in publishing current or contemporary statistics which will be a guide or provide a clue for future students, just as we are benefited to-day by the old town and county histories, which are distinctly of service when used judiciously and not relied on too blindly. And although, as we have pointed out, commercial organizations are rarely in a position to offer the best *research* facilities, it is only fair to add that *some* of them give very satisfactory service *in other respects*, particularly in the high quality of the paper, type, binding, and illustrations of the books they produce.

In recent years it has become a common practice for publishing houses to incorporate under a title which disguises the commercial nature of the enterprise. There are now operating any number of these pseudo historical or genealogical societies, associations, institutes, or bureaus. This practice invites confusion with non-commercial historical societies and with genealogical bureaus operated by genealogists who give genuine research facilities to their clients.

There are also publishing houses which issue thin "family histories," selecting common surnames which will provide them with many "prospects." The method is to copy material on English families of the name from Burke's Peerage or similar works, introduce matter about early American settlers of the name from Savage and other standard reference books, and add data on some branches of these families from biographical dictionaries, Revolutionary lists, census records, or other easily accessible printed sources. The resulting hodge-podge is called a family history, which those bearing the name are then invited to buy. One of these firms was closed in 1930 after the postal authorities denied it the use of the mails.

Discrimination is necessary. The standing of any genealogical organization which sends literature or representatives to solicit business should be investigated. Of course the same is true of professional genealogists, among whom varying degrees of competence exist. Though rare, there *are* publishing firms which offer research facilities comparable to those offered by many genealogists. The quality of the ancestral research done for a client depends on the ability of the person who does it, and that remains true whether one employs a professional genealogist or a commercial organization. But the name of an organization may readily offer the shelter of anonymity to genealogical incompetence. One should therefore be at least as careful in dealing with such firms as one should be in selecting a genealogist.

## ERRORS ERASED—THE FAMILY HISTORY OF JOSIAH GOODRIDGE OF BERWICK, MAINE

By MERTON TAYLOR GOODRICH, M.A., of Keene, N. H.

Josiah Goodridge, who settled in Berwick, Maine, was the son of Benjamin and Deborah (Jordan) Goodridge.<sup>(1)</sup> The account of his family in the Goodridge Genealogy,<sup>(2)</sup> the only account which has been printed, is almost entirely incorrect. In order to erase the errors in the printed story and at the same time present a readable narrative, the true story is told in the first part of this article, and the documentary proofs are placed after the list of children.

Josiah Goodridge was born about 1676, in Newbury, Mass. About 1685, he went as a boy in his father's family to that part of Rowley, an adjoining town, which is now called Georgetown. On the day of the massacre, 23 Oct. 1692, it is supposed that he and his older brothers were away from home.<sup>(1)</sup> Sometime before 1700, being then about 24 years of age, he went to Berwick, Maine, then called Upper Kittery, and there, a year or two later, married Mary Abbot, born 5 May 1684, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Green) Abbot.<sup>(2) (4)</sup>

Josiah served in the Indian wars. He was a prosperous but not a wealthy farmer. When he died, in April 1760, he left a will bequeathing his farm and other property to his children and grandchildren.<sup>(3)</sup> As he did not mention his wife, it is inferred that she died previously.

### Children of Josiah and Mary (Abbot) Goodridge:

- i. Deborah, b. about 1703; bapt. as an adult with her brother John, 19 Mar. 1727; living unm. in 1760 when she is mentioned in her father's will as his daughter.
- ii. John, b. 25 Jan. 1705; m. Dorcas.
- iii. Benjamin, b. 13 Jan. 1706; m. Abigail.
- iv. Mary, b. 17 Apr. 1708; m. Freathy Spencer, as his second wife, about 1756; no children.
- v. Sarah, b. 28 Dec. 1709; m. William Grant.
- vi. Susannah, b. 24 June 1712; d. before 1760.
- vii. Abigail, b. 6 Sept. 1715; m. Nathan Burbank.
- viii. Hannah, b. 20 June 1718; m. ——— Glass.
- ix. Margaret, b. 8 Oct. 1720; d. before 1760.
- x. Josiah, b. in 1721; d. 7 Dec. 1721.
- xi. Elizabeth, b. after 1723; m. ——— Nason.
- xii. Christian, b. after 1723; m. ——— Seymore.

### PROOFS OF ESSENTIAL POINTS

1. Date of Marriage.—The dates of birth of his wife and second child are known.<sup>(4)</sup> Since his wife was born in 1684, and was probably over 16 when married, she was married after 1700. Since her second child was born in 1705, her first child

was born probably in 1703, and hence she was married before 1702. Combining these two dates, sets the date of marriage at 1701.

2. Children.—No daughter Deborah is given in the Goodridge Genealogy. The wife of the eldest son John is called Deborah in that book. The will of the father Josiah mentions a daughter Deborah, and also grandchildren of the deceased son John.<sup>(3)</sup> On 19 Mar. 1727, "John and Deborah Goodridge, adults," were baptized at Berwick.<sup>(5)</sup> It was not unreasonable to assume that the John and Deborah were man and wife, that John died before 1760, the date of the will, leaving a widow Deborah whom his father called a daughter. But a deed has been found, dated 21 Nov. 1772 and recorded 8 Jan. 1773, which states that John Goodridge and Joshua Goodridge, blacksmiths, and Dorcas Goodridge, widow, all of Berwick, William Goodridge of Arundel, yeoman, and Josiah Goodridge of Newbury, yeoman, in consideration of 85 pounds, sold to John Haggins, of Berwick, four acres of land in Berwick, which "is the same land where we the said John, Joshua, and Dorcas has improved and where we now dwell."<sup>(6)</sup> These four men were brothers, and their baptisms as sons of John are in the records of the First Church of Berwick.<sup>(7)</sup> They had no brother who died leaving a widow before 1772. None of their cousins could have been the husband of this Dorcas. Dorcas could not have been a second wife of their father and Deborah the first, because their father was dead in 1760 and Deborah was alive. Therefore this Dorcas was their own mother, and the wife of John, their father. This conclusion is confirmed by William and Josiah, sons of this John, each naming a daughter Dorcas, presumably for their mother. Therefore, the Deborah, mentioned in the will of the first Josiah, was his own unmarried daughter and not the widow of his son John, and it was a brother and sister, not a husband and wife, who were baptized together as adults.

The daughter Mary is called Mary Spencer in her father's will. Her husband was Freathy Spencer, born about 1709 and baptized 20 Dec. 1719, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Abbot) Spencer. The first wife of Freathy Spencer was Mary, supposed to be a daughter of Nathaniel Goodwin, and their children were: Nathaniel, William, Jane, Mercy, Phebe, Freathy, Moses, and Isaac. These given names are common in the Goodwin family, and except for William, not common in the Goodridge family. They were born between 1732 and 1755. It seems that Mary Goodridge was about 50 years old when she married Freathy Spencer. He served in the Indian expedition of 1757, and died 30 Oct. 1758, making her a widow when her father wrote his will. Her taxes were abated in 1767 and 1770. She was paid by the town for supporting the children of Nathaniel

Spencer, the eldest son of her husband by his first wife. Called "the widow Mary Spencer," she joined the church, 1 June 1788, aged 80 years.<sup>(8)</sup>

The will of Josiah Goodridge refers to his daughters, Sarah Grant and Abigail Burbank. The will of William Grant, as quoted in the Burbank Genealogy,<sup>(9)</sup> proves that his wife was Sarah, that her sister Abigail married Nathan Burbank, and that the latter's son John Burbank was brought up by his uncle, the William Grant who made the will. Singularly, it happened that Edmund Goodridge, of Newbury, a cousin of Josiah, also had daughters, Sarah and Abigail, of marriageable age at this time, and as Nathan Burbank who married Abigail Goodridge lived in Newbury, it was reasonable to assume that Nathan's wife was a daughter of Edmund. But the will of Josiah absolutely establishes the fact that it was his daughters, Sarah and Abigail, who married a Grant and a Burbank respectively. It would be absurd to say that in each of two different families there was a daughter Sarah who married a Grant, and a daughter Abigail who married a Burbank. Therefore, these girls were daughters of Josiah and not of his cousin Edmund.

Neither the daughter Susannah nor the daughter Margaret are mentioned in their father's will. It is inferred that they died before 1760, probably when quite young.

The daughters Hannah, Elizabeth, and Christian are named by their father respectively as Hannah Glass, Elizabeth Nason, and Christian Seymore.

The Goodridge Genealogy asserts that Hannah, daughter of Josiah Goodridge, married Joseph Johnson. But Joseph Johnson married Hannah Doddridge,<sup>(4)</sup> and there is not a hint in any record that he married a Goodridge. In Josiah's will, he mentions a grandson John Pitts, but he does not indicate which daughter married a Pitts. Long searching has not disclosed the answer to this problem. Clues are revealed by two deeds. John Pitts of Berwick, husbandman, sold Thomas Chadbourn of Berwick, blacksmith, three acres, "bounded on the East and North by lands of my Uncle Benjamin Gutridge, . . . . and it is the same three acres of land my grandfather Josiah Gutridge gave me upon his last will and testament." Judith, wife of John Pitts, signed the deed, dated 27 Oct. 1768, recorded 25 Jan. 1770.<sup>(10)</sup> John Pitts of Waterborough, yeoman, and Hannah Glass, widow, of Berwick, sold Daniel Wood of Shapleigh, two square rods in Berwick adjoining land of Wood and Glass, dated 11 Sept. 1793, recorded 22 Apr. 1807.<sup>(11)</sup> The second deed was evidently made to adjust or clear a title, and it may be conjectured from the two deeds that John Pitts sold his land in Berwick and moved to Waterboro in the fall of 1769, and that he was the joint owner of land in Berwick with the widow

Hannah Glass because he was her son by a first marriage. But further researches are necessary to determine this point, as it is not impossible that either Susannah or Margaret married a Pitts, had a son John. It is clear that both Susannah and Margaret were dead before 1760, N. S., the date of the will, and most probable that they died young.

Other points covered by Josiah's will are the appointment of his son Benjamin, executor, provision that Daniel, son of his son John deceased, should receive twice the share of the other children of John, and his daughter Hannah Glass was given half the dwelling house.

Some minor points covered by deeds are these. On 24 June 1728, he granted his son Benjamin six acres of land, "in consideration of my love and affection."<sup>(12)</sup> On 23 Dec. 1730, he sold his brother Joseph of Newbury, "all my Right in a Five acre wood lot laid to the Right of our Father Benjamin Goodridge late of Newbury Deed my Right being Just one fifth part of sd Lott."<sup>(13)</sup> The size of his share checks with the fact that his father had five surviving children. On 17 Mar. 1745, Josiah sold some land to Nathaniel Libbey of Berwick.<sup>(14)</sup> On 17 July 1749, Thomas Abbott and Josiah Goodridge, both of Berwick, husbandmen, in consideration of 80 pounds, sold Joseph Ricker of Berwick, ten acres of meadow land, "which is part of a grant to Joseph Abbott and Josiah Goodridge by the Town of Kittery and laid out in equal halves, 27 Aug. 1709, upon the south branch of a little river running into the Great Works River north from the Great Hill, five acres of which is part of a grant to Joseph Abbott from Kittery, May 16, 1694, and the other five acres is part of a grant to Josiah Goodridge by Kittery, May 10, 1703, beginning at the head of William Grant's meadow and running up the river."<sup>(15)</sup> Mary, wife of Thomas Abbot, and Mary, wife of Josiah Goodridge, both signed this deed. Grants, like these, were made by the Town of Kittery as a reward for services in the wars against the Indians.

About 1704, Josiah Goodridge was assigned to Capt. Abbot's garrison house in Upper Kittery.<sup>(16)</sup> In 1705, he was one of many who received an allowance from the town to compensate them for losses sustained from the depredations of the Indians, his share being five shillings six pence.<sup>(17)</sup>

The following baptisms were recorded in the books of the First Church of Berwick:<sup>(18)</sup>

- 20 Jan. 1717, Josiah and Mary, "adults," the parents.
- 13 June 1717, Mary, Sarah, and Susannah.
- 29 June 1718, Abigail.
- 17 Jan. 1720, Benjamin, "adult," but only 14 years old.
- 3 Nov. 1721, Hannah.
- 22 Apr. 1725, Margaret.
- 19 Mar. 1727, John and Deborah, "adults."



Those not described as adults were described as children of Josiah and Mary. The baptism of Deborah as an adult in 1727 proves that she was not born after 1723. The records of births of the other children prove that she was not born between 1705 and 1721. Therefore she was born about 1703 and was the oldest child. This conclusion is corroborated by the fact that she was the first daughter named in the will.

The statement is made in the Goodridge Genealogy that after the death of her husband, Josiah, the widow Mary Goodridge married, 23 Sept. 1734, Jeremiah Sabins. There is not the least foundation for this statement. In the first place, Mary Goodridge was not a widow in 1734. In the second place, there was no Mary Goodridge, at any time, single or widow, who married Jeremiah Sabins. There was a Mary Abbot who married a man by that name.

The Goodridge Genealogy assumed that the Josiah Goodridge whose death is recorded at Berwick, 7 Dec. 1721, was the father. But the father was alive when he sold several lots of land between 1728 and 1745. Therefore, the Josiah Goodridge who died in 1721 was his infant son, and the dates of birth of the other children make it certain that he was born late that year, and may have died at birth or a few days afterward. Josiah Sr. was alive when he made his will, 13 Feb. 1759. He was also alive on 1 Apr. 1760, when he sold a piece of land to Nathaniel Norton.<sup>(19)</sup> As his will was probated 2 May 1760,<sup>(20)</sup> it is plain that he died in the month of April of that year.

*Verbatim copy of the original will of Josiah Goodridge*

In the name of God Amen the Thirteenth Day of February 1759 I Josiah Goodridge of Berwick in the County of York Yeoman being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be given unto God: therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say,

Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executor nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner & Form:

*Imprimis:*

I give and bequeath to Hannah Glass my Daughter one half of my dwelling House & Land on the West Side of the Highway where my House stands and also my Household Furniture.

*Item:*

I give to my grandson John Pitts the other half of my House and Land on the West Side of the Highway where my House stands and my yoke of oxen and one acre of Wood Land at Cranberry Meadows & Three Acres



of Land where my son Benjamin Lives next adjoining Capt. Chadbournes Land he paying Five Shillings each Lawful money to my six Daughters as follows:

Item I give to my Daughter Deborah Goodridge Five Shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Sarah Grant Five Shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Mary Spencer Five Shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Nason Five Shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Christian Seymore Five Shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Abigail Bourbank Five Shillings.

Item:

I give to the Children of my Son John Deed all my Land that lies on the East Side of the Highway over against my dwelling House, Daniel to have a double the rest equal Shares.

Item:

I give to my beloved son Benjamin Goodridge whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament all that place whereon he now dwells except Three Acres that I have given to John Pitts abovesd also nine acres of Land at Cranberry Meadow he paying all my just Debts & funeral Charges.

And I do utterly disallow revoke and disannull all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies and Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above written.

(Signed) Josiah Goodridg

X Witnesses: Nathaniel Norton, Thomas Butler Jr., Foxwell Curtice Cutt Esq. [Proved, 2 May 1760, with the notation, "referred to July term for further Guidance." The last witness acknowledged the signatures, 24 June 1770. The will was written in another hand than that of the signature.

The date of the will, 13 Feb. 1759, is old style dating because Josiah signed a deed on 1 Apr. 1760. Hence the latter year is used as a limiting date in determining the deaths of the children.]

#### Notes

- (1) THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, 13: 78.
- (2) The Goodridge Genealogy, by Lyman H. Weeks, pp. 89-90.
- (3) York County Probate Records, file 6901, recorded 12: 148.
- (4) The Fogg manuscripts of Kittery Vital Records in the New England Historical and Genealogical Library at Boston.
- (5) Records of the First Church at Berwick, Register, 82: 79, 83, 86, etc.
- (6) York County Deeds, 42: 161.
- (7) Register, 82: 208.
- (8) All these data were furnished the compiler by a descendant, Wilbur D. Spencer, a very reliable genealogist.
- (9) Genealogy of Burbank and other families, by George B. Sedgley, pp. 35, 68, 69.
- (10) York County Deeds, 41: 177.
- (11) York County Deeds, 76: 206.
- (12) York County Deeds, 35: 117.
- (13) Essex County South District Deeds, 68: 236.
- (14) York County Deeds, 30: 200.
- (15) York County Deeds, 28: 113.
- (16) Libby, Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire, p. 33; Willis, Old Eliot Magazine, 4: 126.
- (17) Stackpole, Old Kittery and Her Families, p. 175.
- (18) Register, 82: 78, 79, 83, 86.
- (19) York County Deeds, 36: 106.
- (20) York County Probate Records, 12: 148.

## JOSEPH BUTLER OF WETHERSFIELD AND HIS WIVES

By MEREDITH B. COLKET, JR., of Ardmore, Pa.

A primary purpose of genealogy is to ascertain family relationships and, in the event that the facts cannot be fully ascertained, to obtain conclusions that will harmonize with the known facts. In the case of Joseph Butler (ca. 1648-1732),<sup>1</sup> son of the emigrant, Deacon Richard Butler of Hartford, the essential facts regarding his wives and the distribution of his children between these wives have been available in print for over a quarter of a century. Yet owing to typographical errors, to misinterpretation of available evidence, and to statements made as fact which were little more than unproved assumptions, serious errors have been reprinted without analysis by more recent writers. Over a half dozen genealogies contain data on this family; none have treated it correctly or adequately.

Perhaps the first to consider the family was Mr. Goodwin in his *Genealogical Notes*, pp. 81-2. Joseph Butler, he said, married about 1667 Mary Goodrich, and she died in 1735. By her he had six children born between 1667 and 1686. This rendering has been substantially followed in Talcott's *New York and New England Families*, in Case's *The Goodrich Family*, and in Addams' *Middletown Upper Houses*. The basic fallacy lies in the assumption that the Mary referred to in various records as Joseph's wife was one and the same Mary. A further difficulty arises from the fact that later writers accepted as exact the approximate dates given by Goodrich for the births of Joseph's children. Some of these dates can be proved to be as far as 30 years wrong,<sup>2</sup> and a more careful approximation is necessary when it appears that Joseph married more than once.

Mr. Stiles, who discussed this family in his *Ancient Wethersfield*, discovered that a record of 18 April 1677 referred to Joseph's "now wife"—suggesting that there may have been an earlier wife. In transcribing the probate record which shows that Joseph married Mary Goodrich before 30 January 1677,<sup>3</sup> Stiles copies it 30 January 1667. He thus makes the faulty assumption that Joseph's wife on 18 April 1677 was not Mary Goodrich but another whom he designates as Margaret. Joseph's wife must have been Mary on both those dates in 1677, and even in 1694 the records show that Joseph had wife, Mary (not Margaret).<sup>4</sup> A shrewd observation by Mr. Frank Farnsworth Starr was incorporated in a footnote to Mr. Stiles' article but its significance was not grasped by Mr. Stiles and later writers seem to have overlooked it. Mr. Starr indicates that Joseph must have married at least once before 1700, secondly after that date, for Joseph apparently had two sets of children.

The last discussion of Joseph Butler that has come to the attention of this writer appears in Mr. Ernest Flagg's *The Founding of New England*, 1926, p. 262, where this usually excellent authority incidentally mentions that Joseph Butler married Mary Goodrich, the widow of William Miller. Mary Goodrich and the widow of William Miller were two different Marys, each of which were wives of Joseph Butler and bore him children.

In the probate records (Manwaring, II, p. 94) relating to the estate of William Miller of Glastonbury, we find an entry: "Joseph Butler and Mary his wife, sometime widow of dec'd." This was on 6 January 1712/13. From other records it appears that William Miller died 22 August 1705 and his widow remarried shortly thereafter. In Joseph's will dated 8 July 1725, he refers to what he already bestowed by deed "upon my sons Richard Butler and Gershom Butler, both now living, and my son Charles Butler, deceased, . . . my three sons now living with me, viz., Benjamin Butler, Joseph Butler, and Charles Butler . . . my daughter Mary . . . my wife Mary."<sup>5</sup> It would appear that the sons then living with him in 1725 as well as his daughter, Mary, were by the widow of William Miller. This assumption is made more certain by the addition of pertinent dates of marriage, and of dates of births of wives or husbands in the subsequent list of children.

There is left only to consider more closely three children, Joseph, Richard and Benjamin. Stiles, refuting Goodwin, shows that Joseph, son of Joseph, d. *s.p.* by 1740. He was living with his father in 1725 and undoubtedly then under age. But who is the Joseph who, according to the Wethersfield records, died 20 March 1712?<sup>6</sup> He has not been accounted for except by Hinman, who confused him with Joseph Senior. Inasmuch as births of all children of Joseph Senior's brothers then living at Wethersfield have been recorded, and since none of Joseph's were recorded, it is logical to assume that this Joseph of 1712 was the first Joseph Junior, that he died young before his father settled property on him, and that his father named another son after him.<sup>7</sup>

Richard Butler's career has proved puzzling. He is the only son of Joseph whom Goodwin gives a positive date of birth, though no authority is stated. Goodwin places it at 1667 and in 1694, according to Stiles, there is mention of a Richard Butler, tithing-man, who is not otherwise accounted for. But without more positive evidence, it is unreasonable to assume that a Richard Butler who was born in 1667 and who was a tithing-man in 1694, married as first and only wife a girl who was born in 1698, and survived to 1757. It has been stated usually that Richard died 27 Oct. 1737, but proof will be given in the notes

below that he died twenty years later. We assume tentatively that his birth date should also be twenty years later, for 1687 harmonizes much better than 1667 with the other facts.

Benjamin's birth is assumed by Goodwin as 1673, and even Stiles accepts it. But if it were true, we have to meet the manifest improbabilities that he was living with his father unmarried when he was fifty-two, that his eldest child was born when he was sixty-two, and that he was thirty-eight years older than his wife. Benjamin was undoubtedly a son of the widow of William Miller and was born after 1705.

Keeping in mind the above statements, Joseph's biography and marital history may be approximated as follows. He was born *ca.* 1648 and on 31 May 1668 he became a freeman. He perhaps first married about 24 March 1670/1, when he purchased home and lot from Samuel Wright. It is possible that his first wife is still unknown, for in 1677 the records refer to his "now wife" which may or may not imply a wife antecedent to Mary Goodrich. But there is no positive evidence that he had children before his marriage with Mary Goodrich. By 14 Nov. 1676<sup>8</sup> he had married Mary, born 13 Nov. 1651, daughter of Ensign William Goodrich. She was living July 1694 but died before 1706. Subsequently, Joseph moved to Glastonbury and, after 6 Sept. 1705 remarried.<sup>9</sup> This second Mary, born at Saybrook 20 Feb. 1672/3, was the daughter of John and Sarah (Scranton) Bushnell and the widow of William Miller of Glastonbury. Mary had married William Miller, 19 April 1693 at Saybrook.<sup>10</sup> She died at Wethersfield, 1 June 1735, shortly after the death of her second husband who died 10 Dec. 1732 in his 85<sup>th</sup> year.

Children, probably by Mary (Goodrich) whom Joseph married before 14 Nov. 1676:

- i. CHARLES, b. *ca.* 1680 (or before, as wife born that year); d. 25 Sept. 1711; m. 17 May 1704, SUSANNA WILLIAMS, b. 22 July 1680.
- ii. GERSHOM, b. *ca.* 1685 (d. 1 May 1765 *ae.* 81); m. by 1719 (eldest child b. 14 May 1720), MARY DEMING, b. 24 Oct. 1692.
- iii. RICHARD,<sup>11</sup> by perhaps 1687; d. in 1757, perhaps 27 Oct. 1757; m. 15 Dec. 1725, SARAH GOODRICH, b. *ca.* 1698 (d. 6 May 1795, 98th yr.)
- iv. JOSEPH, b. ———; d. at Wethersfield, 20 March 1712.

Children, probably by Mary (Bushnell) Miller whom Joseph married after 6 Sept. 1705:

- v. MARY, b. *ca.* 1707; d. Jan. 1795 *ae.* 88; m. by 1734, DAVID EDWARDS.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. *ca.* 1711 (or before, as wife born that year); m. 5 Dec. 1734, THANKFUL SAGE, b. 9 Feb. 1711.
- vii. JOSEPH,<sup>12</sup> b. *ca.* 1713 (half-brother above died 20 March 1712/3); d. *s.p.* by 7 Dec. 1740 when his brothers, half-brothers and sister sold their interest in his estate.

- viii. CHARLES, b. ca. 1715 (d. 26 June 1785, 71st year); m. (1) 19 Nov. 1740, JERUSHA GOODRICH, bapt. 16 Dec. 1720; m. (2) LUCY BULKELEY.

## Notes

- (1) Not to be confused with Joseph Butler of Hartford who left heirs: widow Esther, son Gideon, daughters Eunice, wife of Samuel Shepherd, Rebeckah, Bethia, Esther, and son-in-law Thomas Bull. The inventory on his estate was taken 30 August, 1731.
- (2) His daughter, Mary, for example, was born ca. 1707, not 1677.
- (3) Manwaring, *Connecticut Probate Records*, Vol. 1, p. 203, renders it correctly.
- (4) See Starr's comment in Stiles' *Ancient Wethersfield*, Vol. 2, p. 174, note.
- (5) Manwaring, *op. cit.*, Vol. 3, p. 21.
- (6) *New England Register*, Vol. 16, p. 17.
- (7) He was not referred to in Joseph Senior's will, however.
- (8) On this date all the daughters of Ensign William Goodrich were married. Joseph Butler acknowledged receipt of his wife's interest in William Goodrich's estate a few months later. Manwaring, *op. cit.*, Vol. 1, p. 203.
- (9) Mary, is referred to as Mary Miller, widow, on that date. Manwaring, *op. cit.*, Vol. 2, p. 94.
- (10) *New England Register*, Vol. 53, p. 210.
- (11) Stiles, *op. cit.*, stated Richard's date of death as 27 Oct. 1737. The source of this date has not been found. However, the will of Richard Butler of Wethersfield, naming wife Sarah, son Charles, and daughter Sarah Grimes, was made 3 Mar. 1733, and proved 23 Dec. 1737; and a mutual agreement between the widow and son for distribution was made 7 Feb. 1758 [Probate Rec. Hartford District, File No. 1026]. This fixes at least the year of death, and renders 1667, the alleged date of birth, all the more improbable.
- (12) These Josephs must not be confused with another Joseph of Middletown who married Patience Horton and who died about the same time leaving issue. Compare Goodwin, *op. cit.*, p. 82 bottom, Stiles, *op. cit.*, Vol. 2, p. 174, note 4, Manwaring, *op. cit.*, Vol. 3, p. 20, for his identity.

## THE FAMILY OF REV. NATHANIEL BREWSTER

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[Concluded from Vol. XIII, p. 163]

VI. *The Tompsons of Brookhaven and Stonington*1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> THOMPSON

On 7 May 1667, John Tomson, gunsmith, now resident in Standford [Stamford], conveyed to Jonathan Selleck his house, lot, shop, tools, and household goods, for the use of Capt. Thomas Delanall, to answer a debt due to Delanall; a notation below states that this bill of sale was released by Selleck, the debt having been satisfied [Stamford Land Records, Vol. A, p. 7].

John Weed sold to John Tomson, six acres of upland, 24 May 1668; and Samuel Dibble sold to John Tomson, two acres, 5 May 1668; and John Tomson of Stamford sold these two pieces to George Slawson, 27 May 1668 [*ib.*, Vol. A, pp. 25, 26, 27].

On 22 Apr. 1670, John Tomson, gunsmith, sold to Richard Webb of Stamford, his house, shop, homelot, etc. [*ib.*, Vol. A, p. 35].



At a Town Meeting at Oyster Bay, 10 Oct. 1668, "It is this day ordered by ye Towne, yt Our Smith John Thomson shall have for his home lote, five Ackers, of Land, forth with Layd out by ye Serveors:" and on 1 Dec. 1668 John Thomson was granted the five acres for a home lot, four acres of meadow, and some swamp land; also, "a peece of land from his grinding stone, upon a Strigh line to a Stumpt near ye laying tree." [Oyster Bay Town Records, Vol. 1, pp. 205, 206, 208.]

"Artickles of agreement, made betwene, us ye Towne, of Oyster Bay on Long Island in ye north Rideing of New Yorke Sheere, & John Tompson, Smith: late Inhabitant of Stanford: in New England in ye Colloney of Conneghicott whome we ye Towne of Oyster Bay, have taken, in, & Excepted, of: to bee our Smith:" the Town granted him a lot, to be his while he remained there, the Town to recompense him for improvements he might make if he moved away; if he died in Oyster Bay, the lot to belong to his wife and children; 17 Dec. 1668 [*ib.*, Vol. 1, pp. 43-44].

John Tompson witnessed a conveyance given 28 Nov. 1668 by the widow Elizabeth Townsend, at Oyster Bay [*ib.*, Vol. 1, p. 44]. He witnessed several other conveyances, always signing his name John Tompson. On 6 Dec. 1668, Richard Crabb of Oyster Bay appointed his "loving friend," John Thomson of the same, his attorney to collect debts from two Greenwich men [*ib.*, Vol. 1, p. 208].

On 18 Aug. 1669, John Tompson and James Cocke, both of Oyster Bay, exchanged land; on 8 Nov. 1670, John Tompson bought land from Richard Hareott, which he assigned to Matthew Pryor, 25 Apr. 1671; he bought from Gideon Wright, 1 Feb. 1668/9, and assigned to Matthew Pryor, 25 Apr. 1671 [*ib.*, Vol. 1, pp. 50, 59, 60].

At a Town Meeting, 28 Aug. 1671, "Ordered by ye Town yt ye Constable Tho: Townsend Shall in ye behalf of ye town Give notice to John Tompson to resine up ye Land which ye Town formerly Gave him for Breach of Covenant being then Entertained as ye Town Smith or to Answer ye Townes Complaint ye Next Sessions held at Jamaca." At a Town Court held 9 May 1672, before Capt. Dellavoll, Justice of the Peace, "Whare as John Tompson, inhabetant, of this place, hath bin defective, in Seaverall perticelers, in relation, to ye Towne, as was then & theire made, appeare, at ye request of Capt Dellavol, to geathere w<sup>th</sup> ye promises of John Tompson his amendment though formerly, hee hath felid in ye performance of ye like promises, not with Standing, in Lenity, to him & his once more, all ma ter & differences are heere by remitted, by ye Towne, to this day, & ye Sd Tompson, upon ye Considerations AboveSd, doe also acquit, & remitt, all inJuries dun, or prettendid to be



dunn to him or his, w<sup>th</sup> all promising to demaine himselfe, a peaceable person amongst us, according to his former Ingaigement, togeather w<sup>th</sup> all Iniuries dun, or pretendid to be dun, by ye Youngmen throwing Stones, against John Tompsons house, & John Rogers, this was Orderd, to be recorded by Capt Tho: Delavoll'' [*ib.*, Vol. 1, pp. 219, 220]. And on 3 Feb. 1672 [1672/3], the Town made void all grants to John Tompson, "hee, togeather w<sup>th</sup> his famely haveing, deserted, ye Towne" [*ib.*, Vol. 1, p. 222].

Soon after John Tompson's removal from Oyster Bay, he liquidated his interests there, as shown in the following records [*ib.*, Vol. 1, pp. 82-85]. On 11 Nov. 1673, John Tompson of Brookhaven alias "Seatawcot" appointed "my Trustey and well beloved friends John Tompson Now of Midleborough [Newtown, L. I.] and John Thomas of Brookhaven his attorneys, the instrument being witnessed by Nathaniel Brewster and Henry Rogers. His attorneys arranged with the Town on 13 Dec. 1673 "that John Tompson have Liberty to Let or Sell his house and ye Lands In his possession at Oysterbay to any man that ye Town Appoves of But he is not to Come and Live in it himself but he is not to Sell it to any Such man as the Town Disaproves of." The land and housing was sold by the attorneys to Joseph Ludlam of Oyster Bay, John Tompson of Brookhaven signing a confirmation of their action.\*

This is the last we hear of him at Oyster Bay, except that on 12 Apr. 1674 Matthias Harvy of Oyster Bay brought a legal action "against John Tompson Smith, of Seatawcott" [*ib.*, Vol. 1, p. 224].

The above records prove conclusively that John Tompson of Brookhaven had lived in Stamford, Conn., from how early a date we do not know, where in 1667 he was the owner of a house and shop, which he sold in 1670; that late in 1668 he had been accepted as the town smith in Oyster Bay, where he lived from 1668 to 1672; that he removed to Brookhaven and in 1673 disposed of his Oyster Bay property. In the index of the first volume of Oyster Bay records, the editor describes John Tompson of Middleburg [Newtown], who acted as attorney for our John, as his kinsman. That is likely, though he was not so described in the records.

If any confirmation of this history were needed, it is found in a court record dated 14 Jan. 1671/2 which shows that John Tompson of Brookhaven had lived in Stamford, for he sued John Beswick for slander in saying (as attested by witnesses),

\* On 5 Sept. 1677, Joseph Ludlam of Oyster Bay petitioned for an order to cancel two bonds given by him to Capt. Thomas Delaval and John Thompson, and that he have a title to a house and lot in Oyster Bay purchased by him [N. Y. Calendar of Manuscripts, English, p. 59].

"I was not banished from Stamford as he was." [Thompson's History of Long Island, 3d Edition (3 vols.), Vol. 2, p. 15.]

We turn now to the Brookhaven records. The first two volumes were published in 1924 as "Brookhaven Town Records 1662-1679," but Volume I was numbered II, and vice versa. In 1932 the Town Trustees had both books rebound, and the original, correct numbering has been restored. The following records refer to pages of the printed book.

On 15 July 1672, "the Constable and overseers with some of Rest of the town haue giuen vnto John Tomson the whoele smiths acomadations escept the pece of medow at the west medow with the house he paying henery brooks for what he haue layed out that is to say vpon consideration that the said John Tomson doe the towns work suffissiantly as cheap as others doe or cheper and that the said John Tomson is willing and doth ingaeg that the alottment shall be for a smith soe long as he the said John Tomson shall liue and in case he dieth then the saied alottment to fall to is wif and children for ever and in case the said Tomson shall goe out the towne he doth ingage to leve a suffissiant workman in his Roeme" [pp. 92-93].

Twenty acres were laid out to John Tomson in 1673 by order of the Town [p. 72]. On 6 June 1674, "it was voeted and agreed vpon that mr Tomson shall haue the townes smiths tooles he paying to ech one as much as they gaue for them" [p. 92]. On 12 Jan. 1673 [1673/4], John Tomson entered into a whaling agreement with Samuel Mills of Stratford, Conn. [p. 106]. Both John Tomson and "mr Tomson" appear in a list of drawings for land in 1674 [p. 107], but that does not imply two men, for other names appear twice in this list, for example those of Mr. Wodhull and John Tooker.

Evidently the Town of Brookhaven "hit it off" better with the smith than the Town of Oyster Bay had done, for on 6 June 1674 "the towne doth ingaeg to pay mr Tomson duely and truly and every yere for what work he doth for them in wheet pork Ingen [Indian, i.e. wampum] or other pay that doth Satisfie him" [p. 113]. On 7 Apr. 1674, Robert Smith sold to "mr John Tomson" his "nue purchas at the south" [p. 115]; Smith made his mark, but "John Tompson" signed the agreement, spelling his name as he had done in all previous signatures.

On 30 July 1675, "mr Iohn Tomson" bought land from William Sallyer [p. 22], which he exchanged 22 May 1679 [p. 9]. John Tomson of Brookhaven mortgaged his house, 23 May 1675, to Mr. Benjamin Gibbs, a merchant of Boston [pp. 24-25]. He received a bill of sale from Robert Goulsbery, 2 Jan. 1675/6 [p. 28]; was granted leave, 15 May 1676, to set up a convenient shop to work in upon the common over against his house [pp. 30-31]; exchanged his meadow, 26 Dec. 1676

[p. 39]; was appointed with others, 6 Sept. 1677, to lay out the line about "nue towne" [Newtown in Brookhaven] [p. 47]; but on 3 Apr. 1678 "It was voeted and agreed by the towne to sue Iohn Tomson the next sessions at southould for nonpreformance of his agrement with the towne" [p. 52].

The trouble seems to have been that not all had paid Tompson once a year as had been agreed, and on 31 May 1678 the Town settled the dispute with Tompson out of Court, he to live up to the original agreement, and the Town to collect from delinquents without expense to Tompson [pp. 54-55].

On 28 Oct. 1678, John Tomson of Brookhaven, smith, mortgaged his house and land to Mr. Isaac Desschange of New York, merchant, for goods already received worth over £60 [p. 61]. On 13 Feb. 1678/9, Mr. John Tomson made over ten head of cattle to Mrs. Elizabeth Mandeville to cancel a debt of £25 [p. 65].

Tompson's standing in Brookhaven is evidenced by his choice as constable in 1684, and as commissioner or selectman in 1686. A document dated 9 Oct. 1677 states: "These are to certify that I have employed Mr. John Thompson of Seatalecott, to go to fflushing, & other parts upon Long Island: to view & Search Severall Places for Sea-Cole Mines, of which Cole Mines haveing had probable Informacon, & sd Thompson some knowledge of mines, as well as making Tools, and Bores, necessary for sd worke: it being of Publick concerne; I do hereby desire his not being hindered, or obstructed, but to have all Just Libertye & assistance for Viewing or boreing, to finde sd Mines" etc.

John Tompson on 15 Dec. 1684 sold to Joseph Osborne of East Hampton land he had bought from Andrew Miller; and on 24 Dec. following, John Tompson and Andrew Miller acknowledged the sale before Justice Richard Wodhull [East Hampton Town Records, 2-154]. Although Tompson's residence was not stated, Wodhull was a Brookhaven man, and that serves to identify him. Furthermore, the deed of Andrew Miller of Brookhaven to John Thompson, dated 22 May 1683, and conveying this land which was located at Montauk, was entered in Southampton Town Records, 2-284; also, an assignment of the land on 8 Aug. 1683 by John Thompson of Brookhaven to Jacob Schellenger of East Hampton.

An Edmund Tomson bought a homelot in Brookhaven from Richard Bryan of Milford, Conn., 27 May 1670 [Brookhaven Town Records 1662-1679, p. 146]. Who Edmund was, or what became of him, we have not learned, and he may never have occupied the land.

The rate list for Brookhaven in 1675 names John Tomson with 2 heads, 2 horses, and 6 acres of meadow lands. The rate list of 1683 named John Tomson with 2 heads, 26 acres, 4 horses,

2 three-year-olds, 2 cows, and 3 swine; and Anth<sup>o</sup> Tompson with 1 head, 7 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow, and 3 swine. [O'Callaghan's Documentary History of New York (1850), 2-268, 308, 309.]

In a drawing for land in 1674, John Tomson drew lot 11, and "mr Tomson" drew lot 33 [Brookhaven Town Records 1662-1679, p. 107]; which might justify the assumption that two men were involved, were it not for the fact that several other proprietors in the same list drew more than once; and the 1675 rate list just quoted evidences that at this period there was but the one adult Thompson property-owner in Brookhaven. We conclude that "Mr." Tompson refers always to John.

On 15 Feb. 1675 [1675/6], homelots were granted to William Rogers, Anthony Tomson, and Christopher Tooley, twenty acres apiece, lying between Mr. Tomson's lot and the head of Scott's Cove [p. 29]. These grants were to be void unless settled within half a year. Arrangements were made for Anthony Tomson's fencing, 2 June 1677 [p. 44]. He bought a house and lot from Robert Goulsbery, 23 July 1677 [p. 45]. He received an acre or two from the Town, 6 Sept. 1677 [p. 47]. Anthony Tomson sold to William Jane 15 acres, 11 Mar. 1678/9, John Tomson witnessing the deed; and the same day John Tomson conveyed 5 acres to Anthony Tomson "for valluable causses and coniderations" [pp. 65-66].

Who was Anthony Tompson? The older accounts make him a son of John. He could not have been the eldest son, because John Tompson's deed in 1680 calls William his eldest son. Anthony must be presumed of age by 1676, hence born as early as 1655. If Anthony was son of John, William was his *elder* brother, hence born as early as 1653. That would make William at least 27 years old when he first appears in Brookhaven records, and nearly 40 when he married. If, as we think likely, William was only slightly over 21 when he received the deed from his father, Anthony could not have been his brother. Anthony may have been a nephew or a much younger brother of John. A connection seems likely, but it cannot be stated positively on the basis of the evidence in hand that Anthony was John's son.

Anthony and Abigail witnessed a deed together, 25 Feb. 1678/9; Anthony and Abigail conveyed, 18 Mar. 1723/4; and on 3 May 1725, Anthony Tomson, tailor, "and his wife Abigall" conveyed [Records of the Town of Brookhaven, Book B, pp. 502, 427-428, 411-412]. "Abigal Thompson died on the first Day of Ieneuary 1739/40" [*ib.*, p. 4]. Directly under this appears an entry of the death of Arthur Smith on 22 Jan. 1744/5. These two entries are added at the bottom of the page in a later hand, and as Daniel Smith was Town Clerk at the time, and no

other vital entries were then made, it is likely that these entries refer to his own relatives. Daniel Smith's wife was a granddaughter of John Thompson. We have found no contemporary evidence as to children of Anthony, nor any indication that there were two Anthonys.

On 9 Dec. 1680, John Tomson of Brookhaven "and mara his wief" granted "unto our well beloved and eldest sonn william Tomson our whoeme lott . . . . . Alsoe we the saide John and mary Tomson doe coevenant to and with our sayde son william that in case the saide william shall desease without haire maele or femaele that then the aboue said premisses shall Return unto the next haire of Tomsons onely if the saide william be maread his saide wife shall haue the use of the aboue granted premisses dureing her lief" [*ib.*, p. 60]. William mortgaged land in 1681; bought and sold; in 1685 was called "smith" (blacksmith) [*ib.*, p. 243]; and the last we hear of him at Brookhaven was on 8 Apr. 1687 when, still of that town, he sold land [*ib.*, p. 265].

John Tompson of Brookhaven, Blacksmith, conveyed on 16 June 1691 to his son Samuel a fifty-acre lot in Mount Misery, No. 4, that was formerly Thomas Smith's, also use of the shop; and if he died without a male heir, the land to return unto the next heir of the said John Tompson's children [*ib.*, pp. 299-300].

Mary Tomson witnessed a deed with John on 10 Oct. 1685 [*ib.*, p. 247], but since she did not join with John in the conveyance to Samuel, she probably died before 16 June 1691.

John Wood of Brookhaven, on 27 Nov. 1690, leased a house and land for six years to John Thompson "Junier" [*ib.*, pp. 297-298], but we hear no more of him under that description. The term "junior" was not then limited to a son or younger relative, but was also applied to any younger person of the same name. Although it is plausible to believe this man a son of John Tompson, no relationship is proved. One John Thompson witnessed a deed, 11 Mar. 1698/9; one resigned his seat in the meeting-house, 4 Dec. 1719; and there is also a reference to a John Thompson, apparently in 1734 [Book B, pp. 320, 406, 524]. Possibly these entries pertain to the John who was "junior" in 1690.

A comparison of the above contemporary records with the varying accounts given in the successive editions of Thompson's History of Long Island, quoted in our first chapter, shows how impossible many of these statements are. It will be remembered that Werner's edition states John Thompson's birth as 3 June 1609, an earlier date than is indicated by the facts of record pertaining to John and his sons. That John Tompson married Hannah Brewster, daughter of Jonathan, in 1656 (second edi-



tion) or on 12 June 1663 (the Werner edition), and that Hannah died 4 Oct. 1687 (second edition) are statements utterly at variance with the records. John must have married as early as 1658 (if his eldest son William was of age by 1680); and several years earlier if Anthony was his son. His wife was Mary, not Hannah; the date of death assigned to Hannah is entirely possible for Mary. The evidence is opposed to her being daughter of Jonathan Brewster, since no such daughter appears in the "Brewster Book," partly in Jonathan's own handwriting, nor in the very complete New London records. John did not die 14 Oct. 1688, since he conveyed to his son Samuel in 1691.

The records we have cited prove conclusively that John Tompson was living in Stamford, Conn., in 1667, and that he did not come to Brookhaven until 1672, thus convicting of error the statements that he was an original settler of that town, or that he came to Long Island in 1656. It was obviously impossible for Nathaniel Brewster's sons to have come to Brookhaven with the Tompsons, as asserted, in advance of his own settlement there, because the Brewsters were in Brookhaven in 1665, seven years earlier than the Tompsons, and the young Brewster children obviously accompanied their parents.

The date of birth assigned to Samuel Tompson, 4 Mar. 1668 [perhaps 1668/9], is plausible, on the supposition that he was twenty-one or a few years older when he received the deed from his father in 1691; and it agrees with the age on his stone. The date of marriage claimed for him, 6 Nov. 1709, would leave him a bachelor until over forty, and is impossible if his wife Hannah was the widow of John Muncey who died, not 12 June 1707 as stated, but 19 Feb. 1690/1 according to the incontrovertible records of his estate. Hannah's claimed date of birth, 19 May 1679, and her claimed date of marriage to Muncey, 16 Jan. 1703, are equally impossible.

So many erroneous statements, buttressed by *exact dates* which ordinarily would imply a record source, either public or private, can hardly be explained away as due to defective memory or the commonly encountered mistakes of compilation. The only adequate explanation that suggests itself is that subsequent to the publication of the first edition of Thompson's History, and perhaps motivated by that publication, some unknown person *invented* dates and presented or sold them as genuine records to members of the Thompson family, who had no reason to suspect their *bona fide* character. Unpleasant as it is to make such a suggestion, the facts point in that direction; and it is essential to dispose once and for all of these statements and dates and eliminate them from further consideration, since they



cannot in any way be reconciled with what the contemporary records reveal.\*

We then have left the genuine family tradition that the wife of Samuel Thompson was Hannah, daughter of Nathaniel Brewster, and widow of John Muncey. Although record proof has not been found to substantiate the tradition, neither has anything been found to cause us to doubt its authenticity, except the later accretion of invented and impossible dates. Throw these out as untenable, and the Brewster-Ludlow tradition in the Thompson family is thereby strengthened and made more acceptable.

John Muncey, son of Francis, chose "my trusty and loueing friends" Samuel Edsell and John Tomson for his guardians, 17 Dec. 1679 [Brookhaven Records, Vol. B, p. 21]. When he died in 1691, he left a widow Hannah and a son John. Hannah may well have been daughter of Nathaniel Brewster. It has been suggested† that "Nathaniel Munsee" who entered his earmark at Hempstead, 11 Dec. 1713 [Hempstead Town Records, Vol. 2, p. 273], may have been a second son of John and Hannah, born posthumously and hence omitted from the probate record. It is not easy to place him elsewhere in the Muncey family. If that is so, he would be named for his Brewster grandfather; but at present this is mere hypothesis. To return to solid fact, Samuel Thompson received the conveyance from his father a few months after John Muncey's death in 1691, and the occasion may have been his engagement to marry Muncey's widow. Here we have a story which, while traditional and not authenticated by positive record evidence, is entirely in harmony with all known facts.

## 2. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> THOMPSON

Mention has already been made of the deed which William Thompson, as eldest son, received from his father in 1680, and of other references to him in Brookhaven records between that date and 1687. We are greatly indebted to Leroy Smith, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the following abstract of an entry in Liber A, page 92, Suffolk County Clerk's Office, Riverhead, L. I.:

William Thompson of Stonington, Conn., blacksmith, sold to Richard Floyd, one home lot joining to the home lot of Daniel Brewster on south, and land of Richard Floyd on

\* In 1890 William S. Pelletreau in a note to the will of Samuel Thompson [N. Y. Wills, Vol. 4, p. 294] gave the impossible date (19 May 1679), doubtless from the second edition of Thompson's History, for the birth of Hannah Brewster, and stated her first husband's name as Job Muncy, perhaps a misprint. It is probable that the fictitious dates in the Werner edition of Thompson's History were from a written account, perhaps in Thompson's own manuscripts, and that they were supplied to Thompson or some member of his family many years earlier by an unidentified fabricator.

† By our helpful collaborator, Mr. Herbert F. Smith.

north, with all accommodations of upland and meadow "which formerly did belong to my father John Thompson deceased." 28 Aug. 1699.

Here then is the proof that William Thompson of Stonington was identical with the eldest son of John Thompson of Brookhaven. His gravestone reads: "Here lieth ye body of Mr. William Thompson, who departed this life, June the 13th, 1705, being in the 42nd year of his age." ["Old Homes in Stonington," by Grace Denison Wheeler, p. 240]. This stone constituted the only objection to the identification of William of Stonington with William of Brookhaven, for the latter must be considered of age when he mortgaged the land his father gave him. The date of death is correct, so we can only conclude that the age stated is incorrect, being an error either in the cutting of the stone or in the reading of the inscription. He was most probably born as early as 1659, and may have been in his 47th year instead of his 42nd year at death.

The historian Thompson is thus proved correct in his statement that William son of John Thompson of Brookhaven removed to Stonington, but he cannot be borne out in his assertion that William married Ruth Avery and had twenty children, nor in his further statement that it was this William's son, William Jr., who married his first cousin Sarah, daughter of Samuel Thompson of Brookhaven.

However, the published records of the Stonington church, and the Westerly records in Arnold's "Vital Record of Rhode Island," Vol. 6, show that along with the children of William Thompson those of an Isaac Thompson were baptized contemporaneously at Stonington and that the births of Isaac's children were afterwards entered in Westerly. From these sources we learn that Isaac had at least fifteen children; that among Isaac's children was a son William born 10 Apr. 1704; and that William Thompson of Westerly (presumably this son of Isaac) was married 19 Oct. 1732 to Ruth Thompson of Brookhaven, L. I.

Therefore the statements of the historian Thompson with regard to William Thompson's family seem really to apply to Isaac Thompson's family. The twenty children may have been an exaggeration, or Isaac may have had a few more children than recorded, perhaps some who were born prematurely or who died in early infancy. William son of Isaac married Ruth, not Sarah, Thompson of Brookhaven. Such discrepancies are not unusual in traditional statements. The point is, the tradition clearly mixes the families of William and Isaac Thompson, and this suggests that William and Isaac were brothers and both the sons of John of Brookhaven. Such a theory may be based not only on the historian Thompson's confusion of William with

Isaac, but on their appearance at Stonington about the same time and on other factors. An uncle of William's wife had been former husband of the mother of Isaac's wife, so the girls they married were connected. Isaac named a son William, after his supposed brother. Both men named a son Samuel, after their brother in Brookhaven. Isaac named a daughter Bridget, perhaps after William's wife. Both men named a son Nathaniel, possibly a tribute to Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, under whose religious instruction they grew to manhood and whose daughter had become (traditionally) their brother Samuel's wife.

It is not our purpose, and research has not been carried far enough, to write a genealogy of the early generations of the Thompson family. Our object is merely to clear the ground for future genealogists of the family, by making known new discoveries and analyzing their bearing on old traditions and printed accounts, which in the light of contemporary record turn out to be partly correct and partly incorrect. We therefore conclude this section with the children of William and Isaac, adding the caution that this account is incomplete and that the dates stated have not been verified from the original records.

William Thompson last appeared in Brookhaven in 1687, and was apparently still unmarried when he came to Stonington. He married there, 7 Dec. 1692, Bridget Chesebrough. Children:

- i. WILLIAM, b. 23 July 1695; bapt. 8 Sept. 1695.
- ii. NATHANIEL, b. 3 Dec. 1697; bapt. 1 May 1698.
- iii. JOHN, b. 8 Oct. 1699; bapt. 30 Dec. 1699.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. 27 Oct. 1701; bapt. 7 Dec. 1701.
- v. JEDEDIAH, b. 10 July 1704; bapt. 17 Sept. 1704.

The son William, Jr., married at Stonington, 25 Apr. 1721, Katharine Richardson and has a readily ascertained history; the eldest of his nine children was named Bridget, after his mother.

Isaac Thompson does not appear at all in Brookhaven records. Perhaps he decided to follow William to Stonington and hence received money instead of land from his father for his "portion." He married Mary Holmes of Westerly. His wife Mary was baptized at the Stonington church, 23 Aug. 1696. Children:

- i. MARY, b. 1 July 1697; bapt. 15 Aug. 1697.
- ii. ISAAC, b. 26 Sept. 1698; bapt. 10 Jan. 1698/9.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. 29 July 1700; bapt. 22 Sept. 1700.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. 1 Jan. 1701/2; bapt. 22 Mar. 1701/2.
- v. SARAH, b. 3 Mar. 1703; bapt. 30 May 1703.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. 10 Apr. 1704; bapt. 22 July 1704.
- vii. NATHANIEL, b. 31 Dec. 1705; bapt. 29 July 1706.
- viii. ANN, b. 4 Sept. 1707; bapt. 5 Oct. 1707.
- ix. ELIAS, b. 14 Nov. 1708; bapt. 8 May 1709.
- x. MARY, b. 18 Mar. 1709/10; bapt. 28 May 1710.
- xi. ABIGAIL, b. 14 Oct. 1711.
- xii. BRIDGET, bapt. 21 June 1713.

- xiii. SUSANNAH, b. 25 Nov. [?] 1713; bapt. 21 June 1713.
- xiv. JOSHUA, b. 13 Aug. 1714; bapt. 31 July 1715.
- xv. PRUDENCE, b. 11 Mar. 1716/17; bapt. 12 May 1717.

The marriage of William Thompson of Westerly to Ruth Thompson of Brookhaven on 19 Oct. 1732 is recorded at Westerly. This marriage, we judge, must pertain to William the son of Isaac.

The Brookhaven rate-lists in 1741 and 1749 include the names of William and Joshua Thompson. If they were the above sons of Isaac of Westerly, the theory that Isaac was son of John of Brookhaven is strengthened.

### 3. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> THOMPSON

Samuel Thompson was probably the youngest son of John, and the one who remained home with his father and inherited the homestead as his "portion." The original gravestone, the top part gone, is still to be seen in the Presbyterian Churchyard at Setauket, and we are indebted to Mr. Leroy Smith for the following transcription of the extant lettering:

[missing]  
Thompson who  
Dec<sup>d</sup> Iuly y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>  
1749 in y<sup>e</sup>  
81: Year of  
his Age.

This slightly corrects the date of Samuel's death as usually stated, and places his birth as 1668-9, making him about a decade younger than his eldest brother William. He was therefore about twenty-two years old in 1691 when he received the deed from his father; and accepting the traditional statement that his wife was Hannah (Brewster) Muncey, whose first husband died that year, it is probable that he married in or not long after 1691.

His will [N. Y. Hist. Soc., Wills, 4-293, 294] was dated 23 Apr. 1745 and proved 11 June 1750. It mentioned negro servants, silverware, household goods and money. His wife Hannah was to have all the movable estate and household goods, and the use of the dwelling house and barn for life. Specific legacies were given to the daughter Mary, "my eldest daughter Sarah," the daughters Deborah and Susannah, grandson Samuel son of Jonathan Thompson, and granddaughter Mary; the household goods after the wife's death were left to "my 5 daughters, Sarah, Mary, Deborah, Ruth, and Susannah." He made "my loving sons," Jonathan Thompson, Daniel Smith, and Thomas Strong, executors.

Since Sarah was called eldest daughter, and afterwards named first when all five daughters were listed, it is extremely probable that the daughters were named in order of birth. This is important, because it bears out our conclusion that Samuel's date of marriage was much earlier than 6 Nov. 1709, the date given in Werner's edition of Thompson's history, at which date Samuel was over forty years old. The youngest of the five daughters named, Susannah, died 5 Mar. 1783 aged 76, according to the "Strong Genealogy," page 609, placing her birth about 1707 and making her older than Jonathan whose birth-date is said to have been 1710. We therefore place all the daughters ahead of the son in the following list of children:

- i. SARAH, said to have married WILLIAM THOMPSON, JR., of Stonington, a statement which appears to be discredited for reasons already set forth.
- ii. MARY, born [say 1701 or earlier], married about 1720, DANIEL SMITH, who was called son in Samuel Thompson's will. She d. 5 May 1770 and is buried in the old "Arthur" Smith burying ground at Setauket.
- iii. DEBORAH, said to have married ARTHUR SMITH.
- iv. RUTH, said to have married THOMAS TELFORD, a merchant of New York, but we suppose her to be the Ruth Thompson of Brookhaven who m. 19 Oct. 1732 WILLIAM THOMPSON, son of Isaac of Westerly.
- v. SUSANNAH, b. abt. 1707; d. 5 Mar. 1783 ae. 76; m. abt. 1730 THOMAS STRONG, b. 5 June 1708, d. 14 Jan. 1760 ae. 51.
- vi. JONATHAN, is said to have been born 25 Oct. 1710, d. 5 June 1786; m. 30 Sept. 1734 MARY WOODHULL.

From Jonathan, the Brookhaven Thompson family offers no special difficulty, and the historian Thompson was well acquainted with the facts and his statements are acceptable. The history of Jonathan's sisters is in part traditional, and clearly the future genealogist of the family will have to devote study to them in the light of contemporary record before the statements concerning some of them can be accepted with confidence.

### THE ADAMSES IN THE NORTHERN NECK OF VIRGINIA (UPPER COUNTIES) AND SOME NEARBY COUNTIES OF MARYLAND

Contributed by MILNOR LJUNGSTEDT, of Rockland, Maine.

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GABRIEL ADAMS, dec'd; WILLIAM ADAMS, extr. ELIZABETH ADAMS' dower in the est. of her husband to be allotted by Richard Coleman, Gent., James Coleman, and William Littleton and William Stark. 11 Nov 1761. Ldn, Va. Orders A-501.



SIMON ADAMS; Tax-list, 1762. Ldn, Va.

WILLIAM ADAMS; Tax-list, 1762. Ldn, Va.

Mr. GABRIEL ADAMS' estate appraised. Return by WILLIAM ADAMS, extr, of est. acct. Payment to widow mentioned; chn also mentioned; "To pd William and Robert Floyd their part of their Father's est. 7sh 3d." Ldn, Va. 11 Mch 1762. A-48.

[Note: It would seem that the widow must have been previously married to a FLOYD . . . see previous note. The appraisal of the ADAMS' estate appears to have been recorded at the same time as the account.]

JOHN and ISAAC ADAMS; dfts in suit by Elizabeth Hand. (Debt.) Fauq., Va. 27 Mch 1762. Orders [1]-242.

RICHARD and ISAAC appear again in suits, pp. 282, 295, 280, same vol. RICHARD's suit is agreed, p. 268.

ABRAHAM ADAMS and John Rector, Jr. Suit. Fauq., Va. 25 June 1762. Orders [1]-281.

Mr. ROBERT ADAMS; an acre of land laid off adj. his mill. Ffx, Va. 22 June 1763. E-321.

[Although the record reads ADAMS, it is thought that this is another family . . . ADAM, sometimes of Alexandria.]

ABEDNEGO ADAMS, of Ffx, Va., pltr, and wife Mary, to John McIntosh, of Colchester, Ffx, Taylor; £120; tract in Truro psh devised to sd ABEDNEGO by will of William Godfrey, dec'd; main run of Jonathan's Creek mentioned, also cor. of Wm. Going and Evan Thomas; also another tract. Ffx, Va. 27 Jany 1763. E-220.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, of Dettingen psh, Pr. Wm., Va., to John Baylis, same. Recites . . . part of moiety purchased by John Gregg, dec'd "(& Richard Blackburn dec'd)" of Thomas Morriss and lent by his will to Mrs. Elizabeth Gregg his relict, now wife of Mr. BENJAMIN ADAMS, during life. This is a lease during life of ADAMS provided he should decease before his wife, otherwise to cease with regard to sd ADAMS Pr. Wm, Va. 13 Mch 1764. 0-203.

BENJAMIN ADAMS m. Mrs. ELIZABETH GREGG, widow of John Gregg. Before 13 Mch 1764. Pr. Wm, Va. Q-203. See also U-215 and 539.

ISAAC and MATTHEW ADAMS, dfts in suit. Mch 1764. Fauq., Va. Orders ii-1764.

JACOB ADAMS, pltr in suit. Also ISAAC ADAMS. Fauq., Va. Mch 1764. Orders ii-265. Again in suits, p. 265.



John Gregg and ELIZABETH ADAMS, of Ffx cty, Va., to John Baylis of Pr. Wm, Va. . . . consideration £40 Va. cur . . . . land in Pr. Wm. on north run of Quantico, 670 acres, devised by John Gregg to his wife. Wit: John Linton, Leonard Helm, John Triplett, Mark Penn, Robert Elliott. 7 Meh 1764. Pr. Wm, Va. W-31.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, Fred'k cty, Md, pltr. Will.

Wife Sarah, all my land n. side fall road during life . . . after her death to

Son Alexander.

Dau. Cassandra (under 16) mentioned.

Also gives wife land on south side of fall road, and makes her extx.

Wit: Samuel Carnole, William West son of William, Alex'r Irvine. Fred'k, Md. 25 Oct 1764-11 Apr 1765. A1-238.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, Ffx, Va., pltr, and wife ELIZABETH (x), late the wife of John Gregg, late of Pr. Wm, dec'd, to John Semple, Mcht, Pr. Wm; consideration £100; houses and land on Occaquan River, Ffx . . . 2400 acres, the same wh. John Gregg died seized of. 5 July 1765. Ffx, Va. G-1.

ROB'T ADAM, Gent., was Sheriff of Ffx, Va. and conveyed land 18 Apr 1765. Ffx, Va. G-5. [As noted before this ROBERT ADAM is thought not to be of the same family as the ADAMS.]

MATTHEW ADAMS. Ldn Va. Tax-list. 1765.

JOHN ADAMS, same tax-list.

THOMAS (x) ADAMS, Fred'k, Md, pltr, and wife Ann, to Samuel Stanton, of Connecticut Government, for £50 . . . all that part of *Forrest* . . &c., &c. Wit: Andrew Heugh, Charles Jones. Fred'k, Md. 1766. G-677.

Mr. WILLIAM ADAMS, Ffx, from Thomas Bryan, who assigns all his right to lands (not described.) 19 Jan'y 1767. Ffx, Va. G-128.

JOHN ADAMS, late of Charles cty, Md, now of Fauquier cty, Va., to Zephania Turner, of Chas. cty. WHEREAS . . July, 1767 . . . the parties afsd, in consideration of £250, pd to James Ewell of Lancaster cty, obtained a joint bond from Ewell, Dr. James Craik and *Jessee* Ewell, for the legal conveyance of 1000 acres to John and Zephania so soon as a certain James Ewell, son of Eve Ewell shall arrive at 21. . . and in the mean time John and Zephania are to occupy the land . . . Now . . . John and Zephania do by this Indenture make partition and division. Wit: Robert Ashby, Hezk.

- Turner, John Ashby, GEORGE ADAMS, John Thomas Chinn. Proved by wit. Fauq., Va. 12 May 1765. Deeds iii-284.
- ELIZABETH ADAMS and Thomas Smith. 26 June 1769. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.
- GEORGE ADAMS and Anna Turner. 9 June 1769. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.
- VALENTINE ADAMS, Frederick Town, Mcht, from John Sumers (wife Dorothea) cordwainer; consideration £80, lot in Frederick Town, no. 275. 23 Mch 1769. Fred'k, Md. M-118.
- CHARLES ADAMS, Pr. Wm, Va., from George Dowell and wife Margaret, same. £15 . . a parcel of land. 27 Sept 1769. Pr. Wm, Va. R-113.
- WILLIAM ADAMS, Esq., Sheriff at this date. 21 May 1770. Ffx, Va. Orders [3]-16.
- SILVESTER ADAMS, dft in suit. 17 Apr 1770. Ffx, Va. Orders [3]-8. Also in April, 1770.
- PHILIP ADAMS . . . suit. 19 June 1770. Ffx, Va. Orders [3]-42; See also p. 44.
- The 16 July 1770, ROBERT ADAM takes the oaths as Justice at Common Law, in Chancery and of Oyer and Terminer. Ffx, Va. As heretofore commented, this name is ADAM, and no connection is likely between the families.
- THOMAS ADAMS, dft in suit. 21 Aug 1770. Ffx, Va. Orders [3]-51. [The name is preceded by the title "Sir." A second reading is advisable.]
- WILLIAM ADAMS, Esq. Dft in suit. 21 Aug 1770. Ffx, Va. Orders [3].
- ABEDNEGO ADAMS, dft in suit. Ffx, Va. 22 Aug 1770. Orders [3]-63. Pltff in suit, p. 66.
- HANAH ADAMS, by John Moss, her "next friend," v. ABEDNEGO ADAMS. Chancery. 18 Sept 1770. Ffx, Va. Orders [3]-85. (To be paid in certain sums yearly until the matter is finally settled.)
- ANN ADAMS and Francis Ash. 20 Dec 1774. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.
- WALTER ADAMS, Pr. Wm, Va., from William Champe, of Culpepper, Va.; lease for lives of ADAMS, his wife Margaret, and WILLIAM GODFREY ADAMS, his son. 2 Jan'y 1778. Pr. Wm, Va. T-466.
- CHARLES ADAMS and Mary Folsom, dau. of Israel. Pr. Wm, Va. M. before 2 Feby 1778, after 3 Nov 1771. See T-389.

CHARLES ADAMS appears in an "Indenture Quadripartite," bet. Alex'r Doyle and wife, John Langfitt and wife, and Rachel Folsom, in the matter of the settlement of an estate left originally by Israel Folsom,—Doyle, Langfitt and ADAMS having married Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary Folsom, daus. of Israel. 2 Feby 1778. Pr. Wm, Va. T-389.

SYLVESTER ADAMS, dft in suit. 9 Mch 1778. Ldn, Va. G-73.

Mr. ADAMS to be allowed £15 for maintaining Marg't Hill, the wf of Rich'd Hill, a Soldier in the Continental Army for twenty weeks. 10 Mch 1778. Ldn, Va. Orders, G-76.

WALTER ADAMS to John Steel, both of Pr. Wm, Va. . . . assigns lease by Champ. Consideration £160. 5 Oct 1778. Pr. Wm, Va. T-477.

MARGARET ADAMS, plttf in suit, v. James Rogers. Discontinued. Ldn, Va. 11 Oct 1779. Orders G-204.

THOMAS ADAMS; wit to will of Garrett Cornelison. 8 Feby 1779. Ldn, Va. Orders G-139.

LITTLETON ADAMS and Elizabeth Ash. 22 Sept 1779. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.

MATTHEW ADAMS and Thos. Beaty; suit. 10 June 1780. Ldn, Va. Orders G-405.

JAMES ADAMS, dft in trespass case. Case dismissed. 16 Aug 1780. Ldn, Va. Orders G-278.

WILLIAM ADAMS, Ffx, Va., from Benjamin (x) Williams, heir to SIMON ADAMS, by the last will of GABRIEL ADAMS, late of Ffx. Consideration £20 ster . . . all right to a tract on Holmes' Run, patented to GABRIEL 1726. 3 Nov 1780. Ffx, Va. 4D-303.

JOHN ADAMS chosen as gdn by Edward Owen. 13 Feby 1781. Montg. cty, Md. O. C. Minutes, p. 11.

FRANCES [*sic*] ADAMS, commissioned as Ensign of militia. Ldn, Va. 12 Mch 1781. Orders G-320.

JOHN ADAMS, Fauquier, Va. Will.

Son John, lands in Maryland;

Son George, 500 acres where he lives;

Dau. Elizabeth, 300 acres, including plntn where she now lives;

Dau. Ann, 300 acres incl. plntn where she now lives.

Dau. Susanna, 300 acres incl. plntn where James Hume now lives;

Son Josias, land pur. of Capt. Turner (Capt. John Ashby's line mentioned, also Kelly's branch.)

Sons Littleton, Thomas and James mentioned;  
Wife Sarah Stacy.

Wit: Hezekiah Turner, John Hickman, John T. Chunn, Will Bailes. Fauq., Va. 14 Jan'y 1781-28 May 1781. Wills i-416.

- SARAH ADAMS, extx, returns inv. 25 Nov 1782. [Her will 27 May 1805-22 Sept 1806. iv-253-4.]

CHARLES ADAMS, Pr. Wm, Va., from Conrad Wirt and wf Rachael, of Dumfries, Pr. Wm. Consideration £57-10, Va. cur . . . all right to one-quarter part of a lot and houses in Dumfries, adj. John Langfitt and opposite lot of Alex. Lthgow; also tract of marsh land by will of Israel Folsom, dec'd, father to sd Rachael, bequeathed to her mother, Kesia Folsom, during life. 20 July 1781. Pr. Wm, Va. U-242. [The name in the body of the record is Wert or West. Signatures are WIRT.]

FEATHERGILL [sic] ADAMS makes claim for *wagonage* . . Rev. War. Fauq., Va. List of claims. 1782.

ABIGAIL ADAMS and Tunis Peters get l. a. on estate of JAMES ADAMS. JAMES ADAMS, NATHANIEL ADAMS, and Thomas Pursell, sec. 11 Aug 1783. Ldn, Va. Orders H-87.

JOHN ADAMS to John Hopwood; conveys title to certain slaves (excepting boy Daniel). The explanatory preamble states that WHEREAS Joseph Humphreys, late of Nthld cty, Va., dec'd, devised by will to wf Hannah two negro women during life . . after her decease to be divided among her three chn: George, John and Susannah Humphreys; . . . Hannah m. John Hopwood and Susanna has m. JOHN ADAMS, and Hopwood and ADAMS have agreed to a division. Wit: James Younger, John (x) Humphreys, Francis (x) Gerrard. 26 Mch 1783. Staff., Va. S-102.

JAMES ADAMS, of Alexandria, Va., Mcht, from Davis Arell[?] same place; lease of lot. 8 July 1783. Ffx, Va. O-3.

- SUSANNA ADAMS and Thomas Marshall, Jr. 11 Sept 1783. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.

JOHN ADAMS' estate; Farling Ball, admr. 8 Mch 1784. Ldn, Va. Orders H-204.

ELIZABETH ADAMS, formerly Elizabeth Gregg, Pr. Wm., Va., to Elizabeth Murray, same; consideration £30, all her right as tenant and devisee of the late John Gregg, former husband of sd Elizabeth, to one-third of 806 acres, devised by John Gregg to son Matthew Gregg, and by him sold to John Murray, Gent, dec'd, *late husband of sd Elizabeth*. Wit: Graham, Langfitt, De Ramoux. [Gregg's deed to Murray

is recorded in the General Court.] 16 June 1784. Pr. Wm, Va. U-539.

[ROBERT ADAM, of Alexandria, had a wife Ann. Apparently the same ADAM family as before.]

JAMES ADAM, Alexandria, Va., and wf Elizabeth, to John Wise, conveyance of a lot. 5 Aug 1784. Ffx, Va. P-43. [It is uncertain whether this man's name is ADAM or ADAMS, see before. See Ffx, Va., E-211, where the name is plainly ADAM.]

WILLIAM ADAMS and Moses Ball, extras of John Ball of Ffx, dec'd, to William Carlin. 21 Feby 1785. Ffx, Va. P-440.

JOHN ADAMS and Betsey McCormack. 25 July 1785. Fauq., Va. M. L. B. Married 27 July 1785.

CHARLES ADAMS and wife Mary, of Dumfries, Pr. Wm., Va.; Conrod Wirt and wf Rachael of the one part, and Thomas Montgomerie, Gent, same town, of the other; consideration £50 . . . land on Quantico creek, adj. to Dumfries . . . 3 acres . . . being part of a tract pur. by Israel Folsom from Bertram Ewell and wife Francis, &c., &c. Lease and release. [See previous recital.] 27 July 1785. Pr. Wm, Va. W-191.

CHARLES ADDAMS and wf Mary, of Dumfries, Pr. Wm., love and-affection to Conrod Wirt and wf Rachael, their brother and sister . . . all of lot No. 37, Dumfries. 24 Jany 1786. Pr. Wm, Va. W-295.

CHARLES ADAMS and Nancy Furr. 8 Jany 1788. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.

CHARLES ADAMS and Mary Furr. Married 10 Feby 1788. Fauq., Va. Mar. record.

SAMUEL ADAMS, grantee in a deed. 19 July 1788. Ffx, Va. R-192.

The will of ROBERT ADAM was made in 1789 and recorded the same year in Fairfax cty, Va. It may be well to note that he mentions a brother *John*, wf Anne, son Robert, and dau. Jane. Further comparison of the JOHN ADAMS' records perhaps advisable.

FRANKEY ADAMS and John Lowe. 2 Mch 1789. Fauq., Va. M. L. B. (Married same date.)

SMITH ADAMS and William Walters, buy two "fish stands" at the Little Falls. 11 Mch 1789. Ffx, Va. R-434. SAMUEL and SIMON ADAMS, with others, acquire other "fish stands" . . . same date, and in 1790, SIMON conveys a "fish stand."

WILLIAM ADAMS, SAMUEL ADAMS, with others, trustees of the M. E. Church. 16 June 1789. Ffx, Va. R-413.



ELIZABETH ADAMS, Pr. Wm, Va., conveys all her interest in lands in Pr. Wm, on *Neabsco* [creek] which sd lands or part thereof, were granted to Cornelius Kid by deed from the Proprietor, 13 Aug 1715, and conveyed to Catherine Rimer, 9 Apr 1717, and she, with her husband Francis Poultney conveyed to John Gregg 27 Aug 1741, as also other lands. [Reference to Gregg's will, 14 Jany 1742.] Wit: Wm Tyler, James Triplett, Langh'e Dade. 2 Oct 1789. Pr. Wm, Va. X-324.

(A long recital refers to her late husband, BENJ. ADAMS, and includes a transfer by John Winn[?] and wf Mary.)

WILLIAM ADAMS, of Ffx, Va., to son SAMUEL ADAMS; love and affection, part of a tract purchased from John Hunter. Wit: John Moss, Jno. Potts, Ann Moss. 3 Nov 1789. Ffx, Va. S-465.

POLLY ADAMS and Nimrod Johnson. 24 Feby 1790. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.

GAVIN ADAMS and Susanna Miller. 4 Mch 1790. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.

WILLIAM ADAMS, SAMUEL ADAMS, George Minor, and William Fallin, or any three, to view a way for a road leading from Geo'Town, beginning at Lubber branch. July Ct, 1790. Ffx, Va. Orders 1789-91.

JOSIAS P. ADAMS and Elizabeth Crump. 1 Feby 1792. Fauq., M. L. B.

SAMUEL ADAMS, Ffx, Va. Frees slaves at the end of terms of years. 16 July 1792. Ffx, Va. U-238.

ABEDNEGO ADAMS and FRANCIS ADAMS; [this abstract for some reason is incomplete. The record recites the will of William Peake, late of Fairfax county, Va., in which he devised certain land in the fork of Little Hunting Creek to his daughter MARY ADAMS.] See Ffx, Va. U-80. 16 Apr 1792.

..... ADAMS m. Sarah Peake, dau. of William, before 16 Apr 1792. Ffx, Va. U-80.

TURNER ADAMS and Polly Smith. 16 Jany 1797. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.

JOHN ADAMS was one of the witnesses to will of Joseph Robinson. 18 Dec 1796-25 Feby 1797. Wash'n cty, Md. A-360.

MARY ADAMS and William Brook. 24 Apr 1798. Fauq., Va. M. L. B.

FRANCIS ADAMS from John Orr and wf Susanna, Lancaster ety, Va. Consideration £243 . . . tract in Ffx, patented to Maj. Benj. Grayson of Pr. Wm, and by will to dau. Susanna, now wife of John Orr; branch of the north run of Pohick mentioned. 13 Apr 1793. Ffx, Va. X-266.

JOHN ADAMS and *Amiela* Norton. 27 Nov 1793. Ldn, Va. Mar. List.

WILLIAM ADAMS and Linney Willett [?] 11 Jan'y 1799. Ldn, Va. Mar. List.

GAVIN [GOWAN?] ADAMS from Thomas Harrison and wife Sarah; lease for lives of Gavin and wife. 31 1-2 acres. 1 Apr 1799. Pr. Wm, Va. Z-454. [The correct name seems to be GAVIN.]

GOWAN [GAVIN?] ADAMS, Pr. Wm, Va., from Charles Chick, (wf. Nelly) Lease for lives to ADAMS and wf Susanna . . . 6 acres. Wit: Marshall, Steele, Reuben Calvert, Wigginton. 16 Oct 1799. Pr. Wm, Va. Z-548.

ABRAHAM ADAMS. Will.

Wf *Modalene*;

our two children;

Son Valentine, a minor;

Dau. Lucinda.

Wife and bro-in-law Abraham Albaugh, extras. Wit: Richie, Bucke [Burke?], Smith. 12 Oct 1801-18 Nov 1801.

Fred'k, Md. G. M. 3-480.

SAMUEL ADAMS, Will.

Frees negroes after terms of years; leaves fifty pounds to the building of a Methodist meeting-house;

Wife Hannah all other estate during life and afterwards to be divided between my brothers and sisters.

Four brothers and wife extras. Signed SAMUEL ADAMS, Jr.

Wit: Edward Dulin, Edw. ADAMS, Wm. Walters. Ffx, Va.

20 Nov 1791-16 Sept 1805. I-416.

Codicil as to negroes, 27 Meh 1799-16 Apr 1805.

ADAMS' FORD, on Goose Creek. Ldn, Va. Orders A.

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Bradly, patiens da. nathan & hester	b. 6 Apr. 1688
Baldin, Samuella s. Samuella & Abigell	b. 13 Jan. 1688/9
Munger, John s. John & Mary	b. 19 Aug. 1687
Euerts, Patiens da. John & Mary	b. 14 May 1689
Blachly, dauid s. Moses & susannah	b. 23 June 1689
graues, mehetobell da. John & Elezabeth	b. 1 Feb. 1687/8
french, deborah da. Ebenezer & susanah	b. 15 May 1687
Spinnig, daniell s. John & deborah	b. 16 Mar. 1688
Turner, John s. John & Johannah	b. 16 Sep. 1687
Hill, Hannah da. Tahann & Hannah	b. 17 Nov. 1689
Lee, Mary da. Edward & Abigell	b. 4 July 1689
stephens, Thomas s. Thomas & sarah	b. 7 Aug. 1689

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Evarts, John s. John & Mary	d. 30 Dec. 1683
dudley, Janna w. William	d. 1 May 1674
dudley, William sen <sup>r</sup>	d. 16 Mar. 1683/4
Blachly, Abraham s. Moses & susanah	b. 24 Sep. 1684
Cruttenden, Naomi da. Isaack & Lediah	b. 23 June 1685
suard, Joseph s. Joseph & Judith	b. 17 Oct. 1687
seward, William s. John & Abigell	b. 25 Mar. 1683/4
hezekiah s. John & Abigell	b. 11 Sep. 1687
Abigell da. John & Abigell	b. 11 Dec. 1689
seward, Lidiah da. Calib & Lidiah	b. 22 May 1689
Critenden, Abraham s. Abraham & susanah	b. 1 Apr. 1687
	[8 written over 7]
Rosseter, Nathaniell s. Josiah & sarah	b. 10 Nov. 1689
seward, Mary da. Joseph & Judeth	b. 5 Aug. 1690
samuell s. Joseph & Judeth	b. 5 Aug. 1690
Roseter, sarah da. Josiah & sarah	b. 25 Feb. 1690/1

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Blachly, Joshua s. Moses & susanah	b. 14 Apr. 1692
Rosseter, Patiens da. Josiah & sarah	b. 6 Apr. 1692
Huse, Abigell da. samuell & Mary	b. 22 Jan. 1678

stone, William s. William & Hannah	b. 22 Mar. 1675/6
Hannah da. William & Hannah	b. 27 July 1678
Daniell s. William & Hannah	b. 27 July 1680
Elezebeth da. William & Hannah	b. 20 Nov. 1682
Josiah s. William & Hannah	b. 22 May 1685
stephen s. William & hannah	b. 1 Mar. 1689
Joshuah s. William & hannah	b. 3 May 1692
Tolman, Ebenezer s. Peter & Anna	b. 1 Sep. 1692
stone, Abigel da. William & hanah	b. 1 Dec. 1697
graue, Ann da. John & elezobeth	b. 29 Aug. 1692
doud, Jacob s. John & Mary	b. 3 Jan. 1692/[3]
bishop, Elezabeth da. John & elezabeth	b. 14 Oct. 1690

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Robysonn, Abigell da. dauid & Abigell	b. 3 Apr. 1690
Ann da. dauid & Abigell	b. 6* June 1692
Munger, Joseph s. samuell & sarah	b. 19 Jan. 1692/3
stone, deborah da. samuell & sarah	b. 13 Feb. 1690
mary da. samuell & sarah	b. 13 Feb. 1692
Critenden, Naomy da. Jsack & Lidiah	b. 23 June 1685
	[23 over 20]
	d. 1 Sep. 1692
hubard, Elezabeth da. daniell & Elezabeth	b. 6 Sep. 1692
french, Jemymah da. ebenezer & susannah	b. 26 Feb. 1692/3
collins, Robert s. Robert & Lois	b. 12 Oct. 1690
[ Jary da. Robert & Lois	b. 8 July 1693
cook, Mehitabell da. thomas & sarah	b. 7 Mar. 1692/3

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Permele, Joshuah of gilford	
edwards, also of Easthamton on Long iland	By m <sup>r</sup> Lete
married abt. 10 July 1690	Asistant
Bradly, stephen Junr both of married By m <sup>r</sup> Leet	
ward, sarah gilford abt. 15 Nov. 1693	Asistant
Hand, Beniamin of gilfoard married At midle Towne	
wilecocks, mary of midletowne	10 July 1695
Collins, John both of married By m <sup>r</sup> Andrew Leete	
Leete, ann gilford 23 July 1691	Asist <sup>nt</sup>
stone, Calib s. Nathaniell & Mary	b. 10 Nov. 1685
Noah s. Nathaniell & Mary	b. 9 Nov. 1687
John s. Nathaniell & Mary	b. 9 Oct. 1689
Anna da. Nathaniell & Mary	b. 17 June 1692
	[9 written over 7]
Collins, John s. John & ann	b. 23 Feb. 1695/6
seward, patiens da. Joseph & Judeth	b. 18 Apr. 1694

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stone, Bashuah da. samuell & sarah	b. 10 Aug. 1695
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Permellie, Daniell s. Joshuah & Als	b. 28 June 1691
Clay, Joseph	d. 30 Nov. 1695
Bradly, The 2d wife of Nathan	d. 30 Nov. 1695
bartlet, Abraham of gilford	married By mr Lete
warner, mary of midletowne	11 June 1693 Asist <sup>a</sup>
Critenden, Abigell da. Thomas & Abigell	b. 23 Dec. 1691
sarah da. Thomas & Abigell	b. 6 Feb. 1693/4
Bradly, Joseph s. stephen & sarah	b. 4 Aug. 1694
Talman, Peter s. Peter & anna	b. 13 Nov. 1694
doud, david s. John & mary	b. 15 Mar. 1693
mury, Thankfull da. Jonathan & ann	b. 12 Dec. 1690
daniell s. Jonathan & ann	b. 24 Feb. 1691/2
graue, noadiah s. John & Elezabeth	b. 4 Dec. 1694
dudly, Elezabeth da. John & Marthy	b. beginning of Oct. 1688
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Munger, sarah da. samuell & sarah	b. 16 Mar. 1694/5
Bishop, Lidiah da. Calib & Lidiah	b. 23 July 1694
collins, Ann da. John & ann	b. 9 May 1692
Mary da. John & ann	b. 11 Apr. 1694
Lee, Jonathan s. John & Elezabeth	b. 26 May 1695
Cook, deleuerans da. Thomas & sarah	b. 12 Jan. 1695/6
Bishop, Ann da. John & elezabeth	b. 15 Feb. 1694/5
Hill, John s. John & hanah	b. 13 June 1695
Bishop, Nathaniel s. Nathaniell & Mary	b. 17 Nov. 1693
samuell s. Nathaniell & Mary	b. 20 July 1695
bartlet, mary da. Abraham & mary	b. 18 May 1694
permele, martha da. stephen & Eleza[:]	b. 27 Feb. 169[5/6]
bull, hezeciah s. Ezekell & Elezabeth	b. 19 May 1696
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Mury, Anna da. Jonathan & an	b. 1 Oct. 1695
star, Elezabeth da. Comfort & Elezabeth	b. 26 Nov. 1695
seward, deborah da. John & abygell	b. 5 Oct. 1694
Jedediah s. John & Abigell	b. 25 Oct. 1696
graue, mindwell da. John & Elezabeth	b. 4 Nov. 1696
hand, Benjamin of gilford	married
Wilcocks, mary of Midle Towne	10 July 1695



hand, Nathaniell s. Beniamin & Mary b. 12 Apr. 1696  
 Meigs, John both of married By Henry Crane  
 Hand, Rebecca gilford 20 July 1694 Com<sup>r</sup>.  
 Euarts, Widdow Mary d. 25 Apr. 1700

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hall, Thomas both of married By m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Leete  
 Hiland, mary gilford 1 Feb. 1692 Asist  
 euerts, sarah da. John & sarah b. 10 Aug. 1689  
 John s. John & sarah b. 9 Mar. 1692/3  
 Lee, Joseph s. John & Elezabeth b. 26 Aug. 1690  
 Elezabeth da. John & Elezabeth b. Later end of Nov. 1692  
 hall, Mary da. Thomas & Mary b. 5 Nov. 1693  
 hill, child of John b. 5 Jan. 1694  
 d. 18 same month  
 Parmely, Abigell da. John & mary b. 20 July 1685  
 barbara da. John & mary b. 23 June 1689  
 John s. John & mary b. 2 Nov. 1691  
 Baldinn, Nathaniell s. samuell & abigell b. 29 Nov. 1693  
 Norton, Abigell da. samuell & abigell b. 12 Nov. 1693  
 doud, Joseph s. Thomas & Ruth b. 14 Feb. 1687  
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Collins, Robert of gilford  
 burnet, Loes of south hamton on Longiland By m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Leete  
 married 24 Dec. 1689 Asistant  
 Permely, stephen of gilford married By Capt: Thomas  
 baldinn, elezabeth of milford 20 June 1693 Clark Cometioner  
 bull, Ezekell of gilford married By [blank]  
 sage, elezabeth of midle Towne 11 Jan. 1694  
 Norton, samuell both of married By m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Leet  
 ward, Abigell gilford 25 Jan. 1692/3 Asit<sup>nt</sup>  
 Euerts, John both of married By mr Leet  
 scrantom, sarah gilford 23 Oct. 1688 Asistant  
 Bradley, [na]than of gilford married By Captine Mans-  
 Tuttle, hannah widow of newhauen 21 Aug. 1694 field Asit<sup>nt</sup>  
 spinnig, John of gilford married by [blank]  
 sauigg, Rachel of midle Towne 22 Aug. 1694  
 Turner, John of gilford married  
 barber, elezabeth of Kellinsworth sometime in June 1694  
 By Le<sup>t</sup> henry Crane of Kenilsworth Cometioner

[End of Vital Records in "Town Records Book A"]

## NEW LONDON PROBATE RECORDS

Files before 1710

Abstracted by DONALD L. JACOBUS, M.A.

[Continued from Vol. XIII, p. 166]

NETTLETON, SAMUEL, of Killingworth. File No. 3808. Bond 4 June 1702 of Hannah Nettleton (her mark, H), widow of Samuell Nettleton of Kenellworth Dec'd, and William Barber, as Adm'rs. Wit.: George Chatfield, John Kelcey iune<sup>r</sup>.

Inventory, £117.02.00, taken 26 Jan. 1701/2 by John Kelcey, Will<sup>m</sup> Wellman, John Crane. "The Childrens age is" Hannah, 4; Ruth, 1 1/2.

Inventory of the Estat of Sam<sup>l</sup>: Nettelton and Hannah his Wife taken 6 Sept. 1707 by same three appraisers; £117.18.00. Ruth had been kept three years by William Barber, being about four years old when she came; her care worth £10 per year.

Copied 2 June 1712 from Killingworth records: Samuell Nettelton hath by order from his mother and his Brother John as part of his fathers Legati; etc.; Nov. 1697.

19 July 1720. Paybody Greenal in behalf of wife Ruth one of the daughters and Coheirs of Samuel Netleton of Kennelworth dec'd, moved for appearance of William Barber of Kennelworth, who was appointed guardian of the two children, to render account, and that estate be divided from their father's estate and also what fell to them by their Grandfather Barber, both which have remained in the sd Guardian's hands.

PACKER, JOHN, of New London. File No. 3880. Will 4 Dec. 1700, proved 6 June 1701. To daus. Elizebeth and Ledea, 5 shillings each; to dau. Sara, £10 at 18 years; to son John, all lands except my wife's dower; to dau. Beahtia [*sic*, Bethia], £10 at 18; residue to wife Sara, she to be sole Exec'x. Wit.: William Williams, Sr., Degery Waldren. The two witnesses made oath, also Presilla Millar appeared and swore that she saw her brother-in-law John Packer sign.

Inventory (£166.02.06) taken 16 Jan. 1701 by James Avery, William Starke, Degery Waldren, and proved 6 June 1701. Widow made oath. Names and ages of children: Elisabeth Packer, 21; Lydea, 19; Sarah, 12; John, 08; Bethia, 05.

PALMER, BENJAMIN. File No. 3900. John Plumbe, Jun<sup>r</sup>, County Marshall of New London, received a replevin signed by Capt. Mason, Assistant, to take corn, hay and cattle that had bin attached by Maj<sup>r</sup> James fitch for rent due him from his tennant Benjamin Palmer at pigsComsatt, etc., 1 Oct. 1695.

Testimony of Joshua Whittney concerning the rye attach<sup>d</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Marshall.

PALMER, JOSEPH, of Stonington. File No. 3914. Will 9 Jan. 1709/10, proved 13 June 1710. Wife frainces Palmer to have third of movable estate, and third of realty for life. To three sons, Joseph, Beniamen and Jonathan, the lands except "their Mother Her thirds." To five children, Joseph, Hannah, Beniamin, Sarah and Jonathan, movable estate except their mother's thirds, the daus. to have £10 apiece more than the sons. Signed. Wit.: Jonathan Palmer, Daniell Palmer, Thomas Shaw, Dorithi Palmer (her mark, DP).

Inventory of estate of Lieutenant Joseph Palmer of Stonington "who Died the last day of January in the yeare 1709/10" taken 1 Mar. 1709/10 by Nehemiah Palmer, seniar, and beniamin Palmar; total, £355.11.00. Mrs. Francis Palmer, Widow, made oath 13 June 1710. "there is four Children"—Joseph, Hannah, Benjamine, Jonathan.

PALMER, MOSES, of Stonington. File No. 3920. Will 16 Dec. 1700, proved 24 July 1701. "Aged and finding my Naturall body decaying." To Loueing wife, the Lower roome of my New house; and a third of my household stuff for life, and at her death to dispose of amongst my Children att her disression. Sons Moses and John to mannage it for her dureing hir widdowhood. To son Moses, upper rooms of the new house, and all of it after his mother's decease or marriage. To son John, upper rooms of the old house. To dau. Dorathy, six sheep with what she has already had. To daus. Ame and Rebeckah, £40 apiece. Wit.: Jonathan Palmer, Daniell Palmer.

Inventory of estate of Moses Pallmer "who deceased the Sixth of July 1701" taken 15 July 1701 by Ephraim Minor, Joseph Saxton, Gershom Palmar, and Nathanell Chesebrough; £708.07.04. Mrs. Dorothy Palmer made oath, 24 July 1701. "the above said deceased Lef a widow and five Children Moses aged 27 years John Dorothy Amee and Rebeka all of Lawfull age"

## NOTES

### IV. *Aged Residents of Adams, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1872*

Contributed by MRS. FRANK M. WILLIAMS, of Watertown, N. Y.

### AGED TOWNSMEN

Dea. P. D. Stone has prepared with great care the following list of men over eighty years of age, who reside in this village [Adams] within a mile of the corporation, together with their ages and places of birth.

Daniel Fox	101 yr.	Groton, Conn.	Mar. 1, 1771
Daniel Hall	89 yr. 7 mo.	Colebrook, Conn.	Aug. 2, 1782
Elihu Morton	89 yr. 5 mo.	Athall, Mass.	Sept. 15, 1782
Eli Wright	88 yr.	Deerfield, Mass.	Feb. 2, 1784
John Penny	87 yr.	Southeast, N. Y.	1785
Perez Maine	80 yr. 1 mo.	Stonington, Conn.	Jan. 29, 1786
Heman Coulton	85 yr. 10 mo.	Springfield, Mass.	Apr. 9, 1786
Harry Wright	85 yr. 7 mo.	Deerfield, Mass.	Aug. 4, 1786
Ezariah Doane	85 yr. 7 mo.	Eastham, Mass.	Aug. 12, 1786
Dr. U. S. Dunning	84 yr. 1 mo.	Malta, N. Y.	Jan. 14, 1788
Luman Wilcox	83 yr.	Conn.	Feb. 8, 1789
Steven B. Wright	83 yr.	Deerfield, Mass.	Feb. 19, 1789
John Kelly	83 yr.	Ireland	1789
Jn. Edmonds	82 yr. 6 mo.	Columbia Co., N. Y.	Aug. 22, 1789
Stephen Merrill	82 yr. 2 mo.	Salisbury, Me.	Jan. 1, 1790
Milton Woodward	81 yr. 9 mo.	Hinsdale, Mass.	May 1790
Sanford Wood	81 yr. 6 mo.	Middleton, Conn.	Sept. 9, 1790

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Feb. 29, 1872.

[Adams, N. Y.]

V. *Marriages by Justice Foote, Stafford, Conn.*

By PHILIP M. SMITH, B.A., of Washington, D. C.

The pension papers of Joseph Cross, Revolutionary War (W 16940) include a document which reads as follows:

The following persons were lawfully joined in marriage agreeable to the law & usages of the State of Connecticut by me Isaac Foote Esquire Justice of the town of Stafford & County of Tolland To Wit:—

Uriah Clough to Mary Orcutt married  
November 22<sup>d</sup> 1779.

Alexander Glass & Jemima Gustin  
and

Square  
Pond  
Settlement

Caleb Carlton & Margaret Day  
were married November 22, 1779

Cummings Pease of Somers & Thankful Cleeland  
were married January 12<sup>th</sup> 1780

Jonathan Hitchcock to Molly Wood  
married January 13<sup>th</sup> 1780

Joseph Cross to Zeruiah Warner  
married February 8<sup>th</sup> 1780

We Isaac Foote Junior & Hiram Foote of Smyrna in the county of Chenango & State of New York do hereby certify that the foregoing is an exact copy from the book of records of marriages made & kept by our Father Isaac Foote senior without any omission alteration or addition. ....

We further certify that our Father is now according to his record ninety five years old, that he is entirely blind & wholly incapable of transacting any business whatever

Isaac Foote Junr  
Hiram Foote

Subscribed & sworn to before  
me this 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1841  
Nathan Sutliff, Justice of the Peace

It will be noted that the sons of Isaac Foote valued his record book too highly to send it to Washington, but sent instead a certified copy of what may have been one page. It would be interesting to learn whether the Foote record book is still in existence.

### COLLECTED SOURCE MATERIAL

[Under this title will be published from time to time abstracts of records pertaining to specific families. The contributors, many of whom are professional genealogists, donate these records as an aid to any who may be interested; and it is to be assumed that they are unable to supply further particulars unless engaged to undertake specific research.]

#### I. *Dibble, Danbury, Conn.*

Contributed by DONALD LINES JACOBUS, M.A., of New Haven, Conn.

(1) Fairfield Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 160. Will of Nath<sup>l</sup> Hillyer of Danbury, made 30 Oct. 1709, proved 9 Nov. 1709; he died 31 Oct. 1709. Four brethren, Wakefull Dibble, Ebenezer Dibble, James Hillyer, Andrew Hillyer. Sister, Elizabeth Palmer. Father, Mr. James Hillyer, executor.

(2) Danbury Probate Records, vol. 2, pp. 2, 36. Wackfeild Dibel of Danbury appointed guardian to Elisha, son of Ezra Dibbel of Danbury, dec'd, 15 Apr. 1745. John, son of Ezra Dibble of Danbury dec'd chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Beacher of New Haven for guardian, 21 Apr. 1752.

(3) Danbury Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 170. Will of Weakfield Dibble of Danbury, dated 18 Feb. 1758, proved 4 Sept. 1759. Wife Abigail. Father-in-law, Eben<sup>r</sup> Bostwick of Danbury dec'd. Only son Ezra. Children Ezra, Abigail, Rebecca and Hanah Starr. Wife Abigail and uncle Comfort Starr, executors. Codicil 18 Feb. 1758 makes provision for expected child.

(4) Danbury Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 111. Distribution, 3 July 1780, of estate of Hannah Starr Dibble to:

Ezra Dibble

Anne Dibble

Abigail Starr, dau. of Daniel Starr Jun<sup>r</sup> of Danbury

Daniel Starr Bartram, son of Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Bartram

(5) Danbury Probate Records, vol. 5, p. 509. Will of John Dibble of Danbury, dated 23 Dec. 1785, proved 18 Mar. 1790. Wife Sarah. Deceased dau. Mary (wife of Ezra Hoyt) left one child, Sarah Hoyt, who is well provided for already. Heirs of son John, dec'd. Children of son Eleazer, dec'd. Children of son Nathan, dec'd. Son Ezra. Son Samuel. Dau. Sarah; one third of her share to my two granddaughters. Hannah wife of Zelotes



Robinson and Sarah wife of Closson Hawley, they being the children and all the children, of my said dau. Sarah which she had by her first husband Joseph Waller. Dau. Jane. Dau. Hannah. Distribution of the estate of Lieut. John Dibble was made 30 Apr. 1790 (vol. 5, p. 522) to the following children or their heirs:

Heirs of John Dibble dec'd:

- son Joseph
- son John
- son Thomas
- dau. Lydia wife of Asel Benedict
- dau. Rachel wife of Solomon Weed
- dau. Anne wife of Daniel Barnum
- dau. Merriam wife of Levi Osburn
- dau. Jerusha
- dau. Huldah

Heirs of Eleazer Dibble dec'd:

- son Thomas
- son Hoyt
- son Philor
- dau. Sarah wife of Ebenezer Taylor
- dau. Hannah wife of Benjamin Bailey
- dau. Deborah wife of David Benedict
- Zar Hawley, dau. of dec'd dau. Lucey

Heirs of Nathan Dibble dec'd:

- son Eli
- son Nathan
- son Noah
- dau. Abigail wife of Amos Smith
- dau. Mary wife of Jonathan Starr Jr.
- dau. Betsey
- dau. Polly
- dau. Phebe
- dau. Amma

Ezra Dibble

Samuel Dibble

Sarah wife of Benjamin Ferry

- dau. Hannah wife of Zelotes Robinson

- dau. Sarah wife of Closten Hawley

Jane wife of Matthew Barnum

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### JOHN<sup>1</sup> BEAL'S FIRST WIFE

By CLARENCE ALMON TORREY, Ph.B., of Dorchester, Mass.

John Beal, senior, who died at Hingham, Mass., April 1, 1688, aged about one hundred years, came from Hingham, England, in 1638. In the History of Hingham, Mass. (vol. 2, p. 53), it is stated that his first wife was Nazareth Hobart,

daughter of Edmund and Margaret (Dewey) Hobart, and that his second wife was Mary,\* widow of Nicholas Jacob. Evidence will be presented that John Beal's supposed first and second wives were, in reality, his second and third wives.

Extracts from the Parish Records of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, England:†

*Marriage*

1616 June 11 John<sup>a</sup> Beales to Frances Ripply

*Baptism*

1619‡ Jan. 1 John, son of John Beales d. s.

Extracts from the Parish Records of Hingham, co. Norfolk, England:

*Marriages*

1600 Sept. 7 Edmund Hubbert and Margaret Dewe  
 ✓ 1626 Nov. 9 Robert Turner and Nazareth Huberd  
 ✓ 1630 July 13 John Beal and Nazareth Turner

*Baptisms*

✓ 1601 June 7 Nazareth Hubberte, d. Edmund  
 ✓ 1636 Oct. 30 Caleb Beale, s. John and Nazareth

*Burial*

✓ 1627 Apr. 7 Robert Turner

The children born to John Beal, previous to 1630, were John (died young), Martha, Mary, Sarah, John (again), and Nathaniel.

Frances Ripley, John Beal's first wife, was a sister of William<sup>1</sup> Ripley,§ who also came to New England in 1638, probably in the same ship with the Beal family. William Ripley made a deed of gift to Nathaniel Beal, born, it is supposed, in 1629. A copy of this deed is in the Proprietors Records of Hingham, Mass. No relationship is expressed, but it seems practically certain that Nathaniel Beal was the youngest son and child of Mrs. Frances (Ripley) Beal.

In addition to John Beal, senior, the immigrant of 1638, and his son John, then about eleven years of age, there was another John Beal who became a resident of Hingham, Mass. He is called a brother of John Beal, senior, by Charles H. Pope in his "Pioneers of Massachusetts" (p. 41). This John, who was two or three years older than the son of John Beal, senior, made

\* Her maiden name was Gilman. See THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 11, p. 138.

† From the manuscript records of Horatio G. Somerby, in the Library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.

‡ The date is 1618/19. This son John died young.

§ The writer has the baptismal records of William Ripley and his sister Frances, and also the marriage record of their parents. The account of the English ancestry of this branch of the Ripley family is planned for publication in a future number of THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST.

his will Oct. 26, 1657, in which he mentions his father Edmund and some of the children of John Beal, senior, who are called "cousins." Because the term "cousin" as then applied so often meant nephew or niece, Mr. Pope assumed that the testator of 1657 was a younger brother of John Beal, senior. This is an erroneous deduction, as will presently appear.

The marriage of Edmund Beales and Susan Wright took place at Hingham, England, Dec. 24, 1619, according to the parish records. Six children were baptized in the Hingham church, one of whom was the John Beal already known to us as the testator of 1657.

Since John Beal, senior, was born about 1588 and contracted his first marriage in 1616, it is evident that he was not a son of the Edmund, mentioned above, who married in 1619. They were probably brothers. If this theory is correct, the children of John Beal, senior, were first cousins of John Beal, the testator of 1657.

Persons interested in family history should keep in mind the very indefinite nature of the term "cousin" as used during most of the colonial period. It was applied to several degrees of relationship, and a thorough investigation in each case is necessary to determine in what sense the word was used.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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*The Parrish Family, including the allied families of Belt, Boyd, Cole, Malone, Clokey, Garrett, Merryman, Parsons, Price, Tipton, with special reference to Mercelia Louise Boyd (daughter of the compiler). Genealogist, Katherine Cox Gottschalk. Compiled and published by Scott Lee Boyd, Santa Barbara, Calif. 1935. (Cloth \$12.50; paper \$10.00)*

*The Boyd Family, including the allied families of Bell, Bracken, Cullar, Cunningham, Finley, Gaut, Hoover, Hough, Markle, McGrew, Parrish, Perry, Pinkerton, Scholl, Speer, Warfel, Welday, William, with special reference to Mercelia Louise Boyd (daughter of the compiler). Genealogist, Katherine Cox Gottschalk. Compiled and published by Scott Lee Boyd, Santa Barbara, Calif. 1935. (Cloth \$12.50; paper \$10.00)*

These well-printed volumes contain extensive genealogies of the Parrish and Boyd families, the descendants of the progenitors, Edward Parrish (1640?-1680), of Anne Arundel Co., Md., and Thomas Boyd (1710?-1760?), an Irish immigrant to York Co., Pa. In reality, however, these books are designed to contain the ancestry of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Lee Boyd and therefore the



"allied families" mentioned in the titles are the other lines of direct descent. Each volume is well documented and thoroughly indexed.

It is to be regretted that the compiler and the genealogist did not use the accepted form of numbering and notation now so widely used. A few minutes' study of a volume such as J. Gardner Bartlett's *Simon Stone Genealogy* for its form would have enabled them to present their material much more clearly and in a manner familiar to all users of genealogical publications.

*Catalogue of American genealogies in the Library of the Long Island Historical Society.* Prepared under the direction of the librarian, Emma Toedteberg, Brooklyn, N. Y. Published by the Society, 1935. (\$7.50)

This is the most exhaustive bibliography of published genealogies that has been issued since the 2nd edition of the Library of Congress *List of English and American genealogies* appeared in 1919. It lists 8,202 printed genealogies, and in addition contains a "list of manuscripts, typewritten, multigraphed, mimeographed, and blue-print material" consisting of 849 additional items now in the Library of the Society. It has been sixteen years since the publication of the 2nd edition of the Library of Congress *List*, a period during which many valuable genealogies have been published. Therefore this *Catalogue* serves as a valuable supplement, indispensable to any genealogical library.

Such a bibliography is of greater value to a small library than to a large one for the reason that the resources of a small library are limited and the librarian is harder put to it to find material for her patrons. An exhaustive bibliography enables her to at least indicate to a patron what material is in print and may be available through correspondence. The knowledge that a book on a given family exists enables the patron to seek a copy of it either for purchase or as a loan and frequently saves him many hours of unnecessary spade work "getting started."

This *Catalogue* is attractively printed and substantially bound, and is an altogether highly praiseworthy piece of work.

*Descendants of Rev. Thomas Hanford. Volume I: Six Generations.* Compiled by Augustus C. Golding. Norwalk, Conn., 1936. Published by Miss Ruth Golding, Norwalk, Conn.; \$7.50.

Well printed and cloth-bound, a product of The Case, Lockwood and Brainard Company of Hartford, this genealogy of 153 pages (including complete name index) supplies a need for a history of the Hanford family; a family which, as the reviewer happens to know, is rather difficult to trace in some branches. The correct parentage of Rev. Thomas Hanford is indicated, for there seems to be no reasonable doubt that he was son of Jeffry and Eglin (Hatherly) (Downe) Hanford of Fremington, Devonshire. The book consists mainly of genealogical statistics of the family, but is partially documented in the early generations by



citation of probate and land records. Considerable space is accorded to descendants in female lines.

The present volume traces the family through the births of children of the seventh generation. It is hoped that sufficient support will be forthcoming to ensure the publication of the second volume, bringing the history of the family down to a recent date. Valuable as the early records are, they could nevertheless be duplicated by expenditure of the requisite time and labor on the public records; but the records obtained so long ago by the compiler from family sources and the memories of people no longer living could never be duplicated.

The book is published under the name of the compiler, as a memorial to him, by one of his daughters. For that reason, it was perhaps thought not suitable to make any additions to his work, an entirely correct attitude. But however careful and painstaking a genealogist's work may be, it is never finished; and there are lines in the Hanford book which are not carried down. There is, for example, a George Hanford (No. 420 on page 30) of whom no account is given; he may be the George who married at Greens Farms Church, 30 Apr. 1786, Elizabeth Wright. Similarly, a Lewis Hanford (No. 469 on page 34) is not carried forward; he may be the Lewis who married at Wilton (recorded in the Norfield Church), 12 Nov. 1793, Mary Betts. The date of death of the wife of Haynes Hanford (No. 42) is not included; was she not the Widow Elizabeth Hanford whose death is entered in Greens Farms Church records as occurring 11 Sept. 1807, aged 86?

One gets the impression that Mr. Golding was exceedingly careful not to assign records to a definite individual unless thoroughly satisfied as to proof of identity. It may be presumed, therefore, that he kept a large file of miscellaneous unassigned items. One hopes, in that case, that it will be published as an appendix to the second volume, to preserve all the records of the Hanford family, and to aid descendants of those branches which are not completely carried down.

The reviewer has carefully checked the early generations, and is satisfied as to the accuracy of the records. Only one mistake of any importance has been noted, probably a clerical slip; the widow of Elnathan Hanford (No. 8) married Nathaniel Sherman, not Elnathan Sherman. —D. L. J.

Descendants of William Sherman of Marshfield, Massachusetts. By Mary Lovering Holman. Compiled for Harriett Grace Scott, Brookline, Mass., 1936. Octavo, 529 pp.

This volume, bound attractively in red cloth, is printed on heavy paper of excellent grade, and the typography and mechanical features, the work of the Rumford Press, Concord, are beyond cavil.

Seldom does a reviewer have the opportunity to commend so

fine a family history. Only an experienced genealogist at the height of her ability could produce such a book. The basic research in primary sources has been carried out with thoroughness. Abstracts of wills and deeds are inserted in smaller type under each head of a family. Daughters are carried forward, and their children and sometimes grandchildren set forth. Apparently every effort has been made to ascertain the parentage of the wives of the Shermans. The volume is an important contribution to the history of Plymouth County families. Later generations carried the blood into other sections, particularly Maine.

The two features of the history which stand out and merit the greatest praise are the immense amount of painstaking research on which it is based, and the arrangement of material, which is a model of condensation. In brief compass all the salient facts are stated, together with referenced abstracts of pertinent records. Statements not fully proved are qualified as probable, or their hypothetical nature is clearly explained.

The name index (85 three-columned pages) is perfectly devised, and we cannot refrain from calling attention to the Foreword on page 444 which explains the principles used in compiling the index. Mrs. Holman knows from long experience what type of index is most useful to the working genealogist, and one wishes that her few simple principles might be applied to all genealogical indexes.

—D. L. J.

## QUERIES AND ANSWERS

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where he m. (2nd) July 7, 1658, Martha Finch. Had sons John, Joseph, Benjamin. Correspondence welcome.—*G. T. G.*

133. CLARK. Wanted: Ancestry of Rebecca Clark, of Ipswich, Mass., who m. Sept. 15, 1690, Ebenezer Harris (1662-1754). They removed to Plainfield, Conn. Their dau. Martha, b. Nov. 26, 1696, m. Dec. 29, 1720, Ebenezer Dow. Ebenezer Harris was 8th child of Thomas Harris (about 1618-1687) who m. Nov. 15, 1647, Martha Lake.—*Mrs. J. O. C.*

134. (a) PIERSON, ARMSTRONG, MARSH. Wanted: Parentage of Jane Armstrong, who m. Elijah Pierson, Morristown, N. J., Jan. 17, 1754; also parentage of Anne Marsh who m. their son, George Pierson, Morristown, Dec. 3, 1788. Was Jane Armstrong the "Jane Parson" of George Armstrong's will of Apr. 4, 1778?

(b) YOUNG, FORCE. Wanted: Parentage of Rosanna Force (1740-1781), wife of Moses Young, son of David, and resident of Whippany, N. J. What was maiden name of wife of David Young (1705-1765) of Newark, N. J., trustee of 1st Presbyterian Church, and son of Robert Young, immigrant from Scotland?

(c) CROSS. Wanted: Maiden name and parentage of Naomi, b. in Penn., who m. in Penn. in 1809, Robert Cross, of Maryland. She d. Licking Co., Ohio, July 18, 1856, aged 74 y. 5 mo. 19 da. Wanted: Parentage of William Cross, d. 1840, aged 94, Licking Co., O., father of Robert, probably of Baltimore Co., Md.—*K. C. V.*

135. ROOT. Wanted: Parentage and birthplace of Catherine Root (about 1787-1814) who m. Dec. 21, 1806 at Manchester, N. Y., as his second wife Sharon Booth, b. Enfield, Conn., 1771. His first wife was Ruth Gillet, and his third wife was Anna Wilder. Catherine d. at Manchester, N. Y.—*E. R. F.*

136. THOMPSON. Wanted: Names of the three daughters of Anthony Thompson and his 2nd wife Kattern (Catherine). He d. 1648 and widow m. Nicholas Camp, of Milford, Conn. Are they mentioned in will of William Thompson, brother of Anthony, who mentions niece Anna or Hannah Stanton?—*S. B. M.*

#### ANSWERS

122. FETTIPLACE. In an article by Charles E. Keyser entitled, "Notes on the Churches of Lambourn Valley" (Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archaeological Journal, N. S., Vol. 27, p. 121, 1921), is the following: "Under a nearly semi-circular arch opening to the south chapel (of the church of East Shefford, Berks) is the fine tomb with effigies of Sir Thomas Fettiplace and Beatrice his wife. She died in 1447 and he about 1442. A great deal of controversy has arisen as to who this lady was, it having been asserted that she was Beatrice, an illegitimate daughter of John, King of Portugal, and that she had been pre-

viously married to the Earl of Arundel. The late Mr. J. R. Planche, Rouge Croix and an eminent authority in all heraldic and genealogical matters, in an elaborate paper, published in the *British Archaeological Association Journal*, Vol. XVI p. 145, proves conclusively that this lady, though of Portuguese and probably of royal descent, was not the Beatrice who married the Earl of Arundel, but another Beatrice who was first married to Sir Gilbert Talbot, Lord Talbot, and afterwards to Sir Thomas Fettiplace, that she was born between 1395 and 1400, and married to Sir Thomas when she was between 20 and 25 years of age, and that she was the mother of William Fettiplace who was born in 1423. A most comprehensive article on the Fettiplace family, with an illustration of this monument, is to be found in Vol. V of the *Transactions of the Newbury District Field Club*." Thus the matter stands today. Those interested in the ancestry of Gov. Thomas Dudley might enjoy reading the books above referred to. They are available in the larger public libraries and historical societies.—*M. B. C.*

136. THOMPSON. The will of Anthony Thompson called Bridget his daughter by his former wife, mentioned other daughters, but did not name them. The New Haven Proprietors' Records mention payments made to the children of Anthony by Kattern Camp, and the names of Hannah and Lydia, as well as of Bridget, are found in that source. The will of Anthony's brother William Thompson named in one clause his "cousins" [here meaning nieces] Bridget Bowers, Anna Stanton, and Lydia Cruttenden. Anna (or Hannah) and Lydia were clearly Anthony's daughters by his second wife Kattern (or Katharine).—*D. L. J.*

## ERRATA

Vol. XIII, p. 174. "In the Gunntown Inscriptions I notice two minor errors, not of dates, but of ascription. Perry Scovill and Harriet Scovill were not children of Timothy and Jemima (Porter) Scovill, but of Timothy Jr. and Antha (Crane)."

—*Homer W. Brainard.*

Vol. XII, p. 44. Miss Helen Stark, of Penn Yan, N. Y., calls attention to a probable error in reading the name of the daughter of Samuel Wilcoxson who was born at Killingworth, 7 Nov. 1697, as "Marah." The first letters of this name are not clear. Arnold read it as "Diannah," but it is to be doubted whether so many letters appear in the original. It should probably be read as "Dinah."—*D. L. J.*

## STRATFORD (CONN.) CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RECORDS

The early records of this church, which are somewhat incomplete, have been copied by DONALD LINES JACOBUS, but opportunity has been lacking to check and verify copy. It is here presented, subject to possible correction.

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Jane w. Bezaleel Sherman confessed fornication; adm. to Communion 29 Oct. 1710.

Elizabeth Curtis confessed fornication and renewed Covenant 8 Apr. 1711.

Ephraim Hauley and Phebe his wife confessed fornication 30 Dec. [1711].

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Clark Jun<sup>r</sup>. confessed deserting wife and family, intemperance, etc. 10 Aug. 1712.

Josiah Bardsly and wife Mary confessed fornication 12 July 1713.

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James Peat and wife Sarah confessed fornication 4 [ ] 1717.

Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stratton and wife Mary confessed fornication 12 [ ] 1717/8.

Israel Burrit and wife Sarah confessed fornication 2 [ ] 1719.

Nathan Hauley and wife Silence confessed fornication 23 Aug. [1719].

Adam Blackman and wife Ruth confessed fornication 15 Nov. 1719.

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Sarah Beacher admonished for wicked speaking to mother, brother and others 27 July 98.

John Peak threatened with excommunication for denying his confession relating to Mary Hinman, & his unclean: with her—proved by several witnesses—12 Apr. 99 & excommunicated 16 Apr. 99.

Phebe Clarke threatened with excommunication for fornication 12 Apr. 99.

Phebe Clarke or fulford excommunicated 28 May [1699].

Sarah Beacher excommunicated for impenitency, & presumptuous coming to ye [Church?] in her uncleanness 28 Jan. 99/700. Restored [18 Dec. 700].

Deborah w. David Fairehild confessed grosse Intemperance on the Lords Day 6 Feb. 1714/5.

Benjamin Burton and wife Bethiah confessed fornication 19 Mar. 1714/5.

Widow Mary Beers confessed fornication; adm. to full Communion 19 June 1715.

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Abraham Harger admonished for stealing 22 June 1719.

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Members added to The Church of Christ in Stratford since 1675.

John Birdsey Jun<sup>r</sup>. Mar. 26. 76.

John Hurd Jun<sup>r</sup>. Apr. 30. 76. [Joined Woodbury Church  
1688]

Sarah Burrit Jan. 21. 76/7.

Benjamin Beach Feb. 18 76/7.

Mary Booth Mar. 4. 76/7.

Margaret Hargeir & Hannah Nash Aug. 26. 77.

The wife of Thomas Curtice Sept. 16. 77.

Hannah Kimberly Oct. 4. 77.

Benjamin and Hannah Lewis Oct. 7. 77.

M<sup>st</sup>. Judson Oct. 14. 77.

Hester Nichols Nov. 4. 77.

Elizabeth porter Nov. 22. 77.

Abigail Curtice added Dec. 9. 77.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Beardly Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>. 78.

John Picket Jun<sup>r</sup>. Apr. 7. 78.

Mary fairchild Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. 78.

The wife of Sam<sup>l</sup> Galpin and Eliz: Hall. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>: 79.

Serj<sup>t</sup>. Judson Restored to good standing. Oct. 26. 79.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Shermon wife. Jan. 2. 80/1.

John Hurd Sen<sup>r</sup>. Restored Jan. 18. 80/1.

John Beers and his wife and Hannah Nichols Feb: 2. 80/1.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Shermon and Sam<sup>l</sup> Galpin. Feb. 17. 80/1.

Joseph Curtice and his wife, Ebenezer Booth and his wife.

Obadiah Dickison and his wife and Jane Knowles. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
80/1.

M<sup>st</sup> Mary Blagge. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>. 80/1.

John Beach and his wife and the wife of Henery Summers. Mar.  
27. 81.

Moses Wheeler Jun<sup>r</sup>. May 1<sup>st</sup>. 81.

Thomas Knowles and the wife of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Lane. May 8<sup>th</sup>. 81.

James Judson and his wife Benjamin Curtice and his wife and  
the Wife of Isaac Judson Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. 81/2.

Sarah Brinsmead Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>. 81/2.

Sarah Wheeler June 27. 82.

Nathaniel Sherman and his wife July 9<sup>th</sup>. 82.

Dorothy Booth Sept. 3<sup>d</sup>. 82.

Joanna Wheeler Mar. 4. 82/3.

Hannah Curtice Apr. 16. 83.

Hanna fairchild Apr. 29. 83. [dism. to Stratfield Sept. 1699]

Rebecca Hall May 3<sup>d</sup>. 83.

Josiah Nichols, Jonathan Nichols, John Hawly, Hannah y<sup>e</sup> wife  
of Jonathan Nichols July 15. 83.



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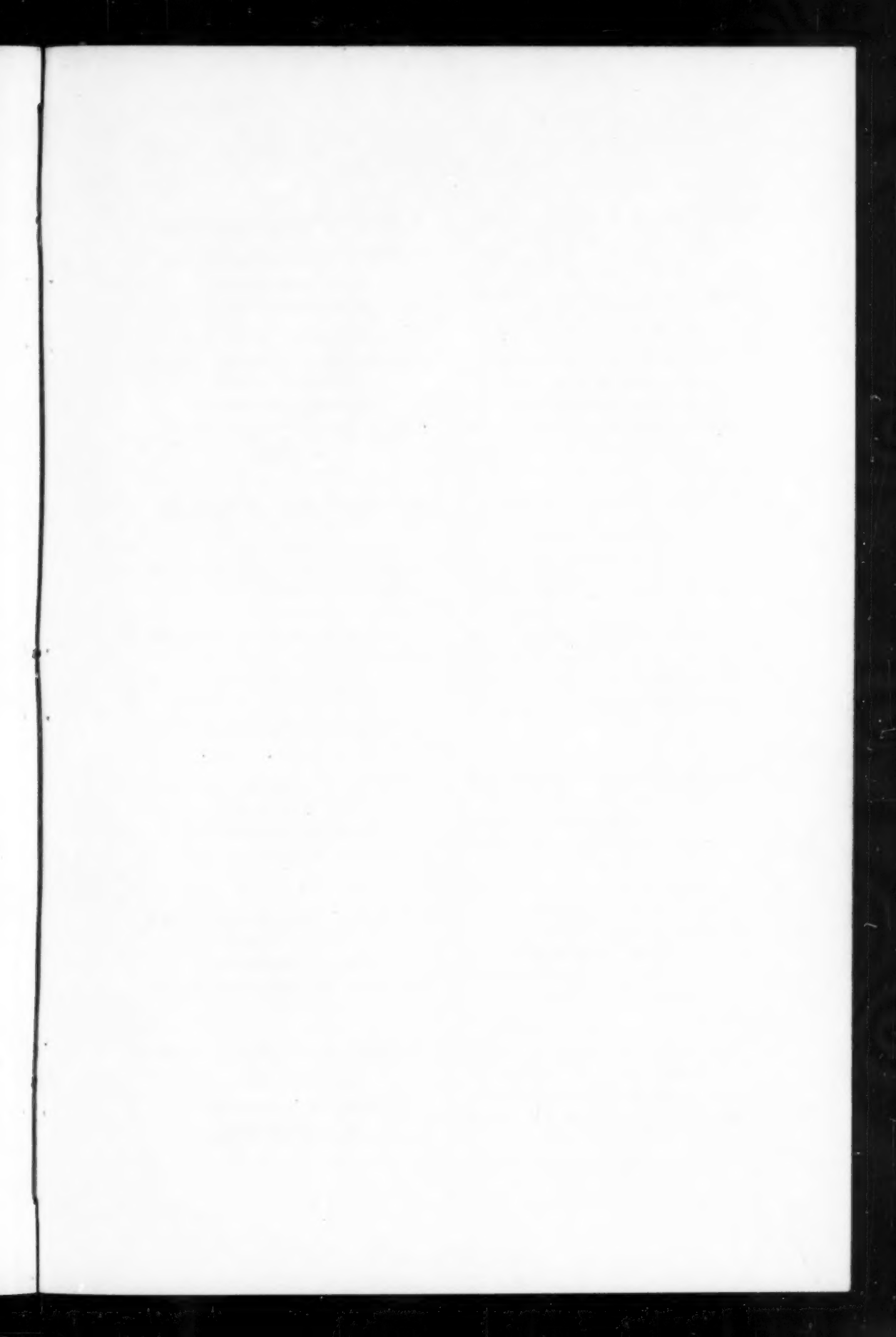
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